



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY MR. AMENA YAUVOLI, AMBASSADOR, UNFCCC CHAIR OF G77 & CHINA AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF THE 39th SESSION OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION (SBI39) OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC). Warsaw, Poland, 11 November, 2013.

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Excellencies,

Distinguished representatives,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China in the Opening Plenary of the 39th Session of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.
2. With this Subsidiary Body not meeting in the last Session, I wish to assure you that the Group is willing and ready to engage meaningfully with all Parties. Our support and assistance to you is rendered and reaffirmed.

Mr. Chairman,

3. These are the views of the Group in relation to the following agenda items under SBI. On National Communications from Parties included in Annex 1, the Group of 77 and China reiterates its point of view expressed in Doha, that the above parties are urged to submit, by January 1st, 2014, their sixth national communications and their national inventories using the revised reporting guidelines on annual inventories for Annex I parties. On national communications from parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, the Group calls developed countries to enhance their financial support and technical assistance to parties not included in Annex 1 of the Convention, in order to build the capacities needed to facilitate the preparation of national communications and biennial updates.
4. The Group considers also that the continuation of the work of the Consultative Group of Experts on Non-Annex 1 National Communications will be crucial in providing necessary support requested by developing countries.
5. The Group is of the view that the provision of financial and technical support is essential to allow developing countries to meet their obligations in submitting national communications by every four years.

6. On Agenda item 5, the G77 and China welcomes considerations to enhance the work programmes to further the understanding of the diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions, and calls for more support from developed countries for helping developing countries to accomplish their obligations in this regard.

Mr. Chairman,

7. On Agenda Item 9, the Group appreciates the work of the least developed countries expert group (LEG) and its report and work programme. It is now very important that the national adaptation programme of actions (NAPAs) prepared by the 47 LDCs are fully implemented along with the rest of the elements of LDC work programme and the NAP process without any delay.
8. On Agenda Item 10, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), the Group believes that for developing countries, adaptation is an urgent and high priority. Despite the clear mandate of the Cancun Adaptation Framework on the launching of national adaptation plan process for the least developed countries and modalities for other developing countries, the Group deplores the lack of funding as of today to start NAP process. The question of urgency and priority is glossed over. Our Group needs expedited funding to kick off the NAP process. The group also appreciates the work done by the Adaptation Committee on the NAPs for other developing countries and believes that funding and technical support are needed by other developing countries to prepare and implement their NAPs.

Mr. Chairman,

9. On the issue of loss and damage, the Group calls for the full implementation of the decision adopted in Doha related to this matter. It calls also for the operationalization of the mechanism established by this decision, taking into account the principles of the Convention and the national development processes. Carrying out such actions requires the provision of adequate support and creating the appropriate arrangements and calling for meaningful activities. Fulfilling the mandate of Doha on the issue above must be considered as one of the key elements for the success of the COP19, which will be held in Warsaw.
10. Then, the Group has been calling for the establishment of an international mechanism under the Convention on loss and damage that addresses the needs of developing countries emerging from extreme and slow-onset events, and the urgency for this mechanism has only increased. This mechanism cannot be an empty shell, and we expect substantive movement on this matter

at this session.

Mr. Chairman,

11. The Group considers that the effectiveness and the sustainability of the resources of the Adaptation Fund are the main challenges for making the institutional mechanism dedicated to the adaptation operational. It is essential that a large debate must be engaged in order to resolve effectively the lack of functioning which characterizes this mechanism.

Mr Chairman,

12. On Development and Transfer of Technologies, the Group of 77 and China took note of the first meeting of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Center and Network and the ongoing efforts to set the modalities and procedures of CTCN and its Advisory Board. In order to fully implement the Technology Mechanism to enhance the action of technology development and transfer, we believe it is of crucial importance to ensure coordination between the two bodies of Technology Mechanism, the Technology Executive Committee and the CTCN. We look forward to the tangible development and transfer of technologies to developing countries for climate change.

Mr. Chairman,

13. The Group is of the view that Capacity-Building is an integral element, and essential to enable developing country Parties to participate fully in addressing the challenges of climate change, and to implement effectively their commitments under the Convention.
14. Capacity-Building is one of the basic foundations of any mitigation or adaptation effort by both developed and developing countries to deal with the effects of climate change. From the Bali Action Plan to the Doha Climate Gateway, Capacity-Building has made a lot of progress, but not resolved all the issues raised by the BAP, especially institutional arrangements for Capacity-Building and enhancement of monitoring and review of Capacity-Building.
15. The Group acknowledges the organization of the Durban Forum for In-depth Discussion on Capacity-Building by the SBI, which was a result of colleagues' hard work in response to paragraph 136 and 137 of 1/CP.16.
16. We had agreed to its establishment in Durban on the understanding that its output would help improve the Capacity-Building support received by developing countries, and further enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building. However, it remains unclear what the SBI

intends to do with the information from the Durban Forum and other information provided by non-Annex I parties, besides including it in the SBI's comprehensive reviews of the implementation of the framework for Capacity-Building in developing countries.

17. A two-year work programme should be prepared under SBI with a view to further strengthening the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity building, developing a comprehensive, integrated and balanced set of evaluation indicators, and assessing the activities by developed countries in supporting developing countries capacity building. Pursuant to paragraph 144 of FCCC/CP/2011/9/Add.1, the objective of the Durban Forum is to further strengthen the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity building.
18. The specific issues to be considered at the second and subsequent meetings of the Durban Forum should be identified annually with a view to formalizing measures and the way forward for enhanced capacity building in the ADP. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision 1/CP.17, capacity building is one of the elements in the Durban Platform process, which requires equal treatment with the other elements.

Mr. Chairman,

19. The G77 and China reaffirms the importance of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures at the Subsidiary Bodies and its work program to address these impacts. In particular, we welcome the organization for this session of the workshop on area b of the work programme (cooperation on response strategies) and, as mandated by decision 1.CP.18, we also look forward to sharing views in the forum on policy issues of concern, such as unilateral measures.
20. In this respect, all developing country Parties will be affected in different ways by negative economic and social consequences of response measures taken by developed country Parties. Therefore, we affirm the importance of the continuation of the forum, as there is a need to take full consideration to what actions are necessary to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the impact of the implementation of response measures, in accordance with the provisions and principles of the Convention. In this regard, we look forward to continuing working in the forum, in COP 19 and beyond, in order to address specifically how developed countries Parties are minimizing the adverse economic and social effects of their response measures on developing countries Parties.
21. Finally, on Item 16, the Group wishes to reiterate the importance of the 2013 - 2015 Review. We look forward to concrete progress being made at this session

in the work of the Review in light of the lost opportunity to begin work during the June session.

22. The Group welcomes the progress achieved in Doha on advancing the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention through the adoption of the Doha work programme and the establishment of the Dialogue on Article 6. Concerted action on education, public awareness and public participation is a pre-condition to any meaningful action on adaptation and mitigation. The first Dialogue held in June this year proved to be a useful platform for exchanging experiences and approaches to climate change education and training. The Group considers that the organization of the Dialogue needs to be further enhanced to better support efforts of Parties to implement Article 6. The Group considers it fundamental to provide further guidance for the organization of the next Dialogue and we are ready to work on that. Thank you Mr. Chair for your permanent support to this issue.

23. In conclusion Mr. Chairman, the Group of 77 and China reserves its position on the remaining Agenda items not articulated in this statement.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

