



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ABDULLA M. ALSAIDI, HEAD OF DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN, AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF THE 33RD SESSION OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTA 33) (Cancun, Mexico, 30 November 2010)**

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3. We believe that the objective and scope of this work program must be evaluated in light of the objective set in decision 2/CP.11. We need to go beyond workshops, for it is important to have a timely support for an effective implementation of adaptation actions.
4. The group also urges SBSTA to determine actions on technology from the report prepared by the secretariat in order to enrich the discussion under AWG-LCA and to strengthen the linkages with technology issues under AWG-LCA.
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