



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY H.E. AMBASSADOR DR. IBRAHIM MIRGHANI IBRAHIM, HEAD OF DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN, AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION UNDER THE CONVENTION (AWG-LCA) (Bangkok, Thailand, 28 September 2009)

Mr. Chairman,

We would also wish to take this opportunity to express the group's solidarity with the people of the Philippines which recently suffered loss of lives and damage to crops due to the unprecedented rains which occurred in their country.

The group recognizes with appreciation and for the Convention's Secretariat for their excellent arrangements and the efforts made in preparing the documents for this session we would like to thank you Mr. Chairman, the facilitators and the UNFCCC secretariat for the work done to facilitate the negotiation in this session. The group also appreciates that many of the issues raised during the last session on the organization of work have been considered in this session

At this critical stage of the climate change negotiations the Group strongly feel the need to reiterating its standing position that the AWG-LCA process must be and continue to be an open, party-driven, transparent, and inclusive process. As we agreed in the consultations carried during the last informal meeting in Bonn, in this session the LCA must move into a full negotiation mode to define and shape the intended agreed outcome of the Bali Action Plan.

The Group also fully recognize the need for all Parties to work diligently, faithfully and expeditiously in order to fulfil the objectives of the Bali Action Plan by COP15 and reach an agreed outcome that ensures the full, effective and sustained implementation of the convention.

The G77 and China, the largest negotiating Group in this process has put on the table, since a year ago, constructive proposals for concrete actions to address the implementation gaps, in particular for financing, technology transfer and capacity-building. We await the effective engagement of the developed country Parties on these proposals. Here in Bangkok, we call for immediate negotiations on the texts before us. Since it is only three weeks remained for Copengahen

We stand ready for full engagement in negotiations. On the other side, we see that no concrete numbers have been put on the table under the AWG-KP. Regretably, no concrete proposals were made for specific amounts of financing. No real willingness was expressed to consider technology transfer. What we noticed are only proposals to shift responsibilities to the private sector, to the markets which recently show to have failed, even worse they are shifting the responsibility to the developing countries themselves.

No serious engagement was shown by our negotiating partners, neither on the numbers required from them, nor in particular on meeting their commitments under the Convention related to the provisions of new and additional financial resources, meeting costs of adaptation and transfer of technology. Instead we learn, with great dismay and disappointment, of a recent communication on financing from the European Commission that again, shirks the fulfilment of commitments, shifting these obligations to failed markets, to private sector and to developing countries

themselves.

On adaptation, proposals on the table from the developed country Parties relegates the main burden of adaptation to developing countries themselves, through the use of their own national budgets for mainstreaming adaptation, This is in full contradiction to the explicit terms of the Convention which puts those commitments of meeting costs of adaptation, and providing agreed full incremental costs to enable adaptation actions, on the developed countries. Instead promises were made to give an unspecified amount to a subset of developing countries, to help them assess their needs.

For all these reasons, the world was intended to be misled by their media into thinking that developing countries are blocking progress in these negotiations or a successful outcome in Copenhagen.

Now here in Bangkok, we would like to express very clearly that we are ready for negotiations; We have been ready for some time ago to engage fully into discussions of the concrete proposals that the Group of 77 and China has put on the table. The success of Copenhagen will depend on the progress that all parties should make here in Bangkok.