



**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 CLOSING PLENARY OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION UNDER THE CONVENTION (UNFCCC) (Bonn, Germany, 8 April 2009)**

Mr. Chairman, Sudan has the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

At this closing session the Group of 77 and China would like to express its appreciations to the Government of Germany for the excellent facilities, and to the Secretariat of the Climate Change Convention for their tireless efforts and timely support during this session.

The Group of 77 and China would like to thank you, Chair, for the leadership shown during this session. We encourage you to ensure that the process shall continue to be open, party-driven, transparent, and focusing on the implementation of the Bali Action Plan.

Mr Chairman,

Every day that we spend in this process means the manifestation of more dangerous adverse effects of climate change to which all developing countries, and in particular the most vulnerable amongst us, suffer increasing loss and damage of lives, of settlements and of access to the basic necessities.

We need to act with urgency, and in a manner which is consistent with the objectives, principles and respective obligations of all Parties to this Convention. We would like to express our deep concern that up to now we see very little concrete engagement of our partners, the developed country Parties, in this process. There remains a wide gap in the understanding of positions that would allow us to move together forward to Copenhagen. In particular, there is a serious implementation deficit regarding developed countries' commitments related to the provision of financial resources and transfer of technology under the Convention.

Mr Chairman,

As we remain constructively engaged in negotiations, the Group would once again like to underline that we are undertaking a process to enhance the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention. Therefore the Group is determined, in this process, to address the serious implementation gaps in the four main building blocks of the Bali Action, that is, mitigation, adaptation, financing and technology development and transfer under the Convention. All the proposals and submissions made by the Group of 77 and China, and its member States or groups of developing country parties, are made with a view to bridging all these implementation gaps.

Mr Chairman,

The Group of 77 and China is looking forward to receiving a negotiating text in accordance with the mandate given to the Chair to prepare it for the June session. The Group, however, reiterates its

position that the text should be based on Parties' submissions, proposals, and should reflect the Group's views and interests made through submissions and deliberation during the meetings of AWG-LCA.

Mr Chairman,

The Group of 77 and China appreciates the discussion and exchange of views with the Parties during this session and considers it useful for further defining the milestones and the organization of the work of the Ad-Hoc Working Group given the limited time left.

While we welcome a renewed participation of the United States, we are still to hear from them how they aim to fully engage in an international process of negotiations, and how they view the proposals that are now before us.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group of 77 and China reiterates that for the developing countries all efforts of the international community should be conducive to change the current lifestyle, in particular that of Annex I Parties, and to place ourself in a sustainable development pathway that would also contribute to the eradication of poverty.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group of 77 and China would like to reiterate its commitment to participate in good faith and in a truly transparent and open process. We would like also to continue to work diligently to implement the Bali Action Plan, in order to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention. This has to come through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012, in full conformity with the provisions and principles of the Convention. We have to face with determination the most serious environmental and developmental challenge of our times, climate change and its adverse effects.

I thank you.