



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 SUDAN, AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF THE NINTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL (Bangkok, Thailand, 28 September 2009)

Mr. Chairman,

The Group reiterates its serious concerns about the slow progress in fulfilling the negotiating mandate of the AWG- KP. In particular, our concerns relate primarily to the delay in concluding the definition of aggregate and individual quantified green house gases emission reduction targets for Annex I for the 2nd and subsequent commitment periods of the Kyoto Protocol.

As we all know, in terms of our work programme adopted in Poznan the 7th and 8th sessions of the AWG-KP were to have concluded on the contributions of Annex I Parties, individually or jointly, to the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate. However, this work has not been completed. Since then the AWG- KP kept deferring this task to its subsequent sessions. In this context, the Group of 77 & China look forward to continue discussions on the issues of improving the effectiveness of existing mechanisms and rules as well as the future treatment of the potential and actual consequences of Annex I Party mitigation policies on developing countries.

The G77& China takes note of the new leadership of Japan for taking a revised and ambitious pledge to reduce their green house gases emissions to 25% below 1990 levels by 2020. This represents a significant increase over their previously announced level of ambition.

In this context we call upon all developed countries, including Japan, EU and USA, not to condition their pledges and commitments with terms which are inconsistent with the provision of the convention and the protocol.

Nevertheless, the Group of 77 & China remains concerned with the fact that, in aggregate, the sum total of Annex I Parties quantified emission reduction target that have been pledged is far below the level of ambition that is demanded by their historical responsibility and the science. In this context, we call upon all Annex I Parties to follow Japan and "take the lead" by urgently revising their announced commitments upwards and where relevant to formally make commitments consistent with the level of ambition demanded by the science.

The Group of 77& China would like to point out that the AWG- KP ninth session is our last chance to draw conclusions on credible Annex I Party target for the second and subsequent commitment periods. We would stress that reaching agreed outcomes in Copenhagen will be difficult without genuine commitment and political leadership from Annex I Parties.

Given the fact that only three weeks of negotiation remain before we meet in Copenhagen to finalise agreement under Kyoto Protocol, it is appropriate that at this meeting we must prioritise work on concluding Annex I Parties quantified emission reduction commitments for the second and subsequent commitment periods. In this context, the Group of 77 & China emphasize that we need to further understand how the supplementary offset mechanism and LULUCF issues should be treated.

Since this discussion we refers to future mitigation policies and massures of Annex I Parties we also need to further advance and finish our work on potential social and economic consequences of Annex I Party mitigation policies.

In conclusion, the Group of 77 & China stands ready to constructively engage in our discussion.

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