



STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR LATIFA BENZAZZA ON BEHALF OF THE G77 AND CHINA AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON DURBAN PLATFORM (WG-DP) OF THE UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Bonn, Germany, 17 May 2012)

Madam President,

1. The Group would like to support the work of this important working group. We hope that this session will lead us to a fruitful outcome.

2. The Group holds the view that any progress in the Durban Platform must be coherent with effective and strong action and a concrete and ambitious result of the KP and the LCA tracks. Such progress must also include a linkage between mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation. This relationship is embedded in the Convention.

3. The negotiations and outcome of the Durban Platform process must be in accordance with the objective, principles and provisions of the Convention, including the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities.

Madam President,

4. Any work plan should be based on decision 1CP/17, and in accordance with the equity and CBDR principles and with relevant provisions of the Convention. It should also be comprehensive, inclusive and equitable in scope given the urgency of responding to climate change and the vulnerability of our members to the adverse impacts of climate change.

5. Regarding the organizational of work under the AWG-DP, it is our view that the following elements need to be considered as priority:

- The organization of work;
- The orientations, objectives, and scope of the Durban Platform outcome.
- Tasks contained in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of 1CP/17.

6. We affirm that the negotiations should be conducted in an inclusive, Party driven, open and transparent manner, and that all member states be given the opportunity to participate and provide inputs.

I thank you.