



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY ELIANA SAISSAC, SECOND SECRETARY, PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (New York, 4 March 2011)

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the G77 and China.
2. The G77 thanks the Chair and the Bureau members for putting together this document. Allow me now to present some preliminary comments and views:

General comments:

- The G77 calls for the proper inclusion of the positions of the Group as expressed during this session and submitted yesterday in writing.
- The G77 expects this document to be further streamlined and clarified, particularly with regards to the actors and the means of implementation.
- There is a need for a clear application of the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities to distinguish actions between developed and developing countries, in all thematic areas.
- A wide set of policy recommendations and actions has been presented. However, it is not clear at this point that the necessary finance, technology transfer and capacity building needed for implementing such actions are in place.
- Policy recommendations should also respect national ownership and priorities.

Particular comments:

On Sustainable Consumption and Production

- There needs to be greater clarity in the organisational structure of the 10YFP in the document. At present, it is difficult for delegations to see how the elements in the text would be implementable.
- We are also of the view that the document lacks balance in the aspect of trade and market access for developing countries.
- The document does not include the G77 and China's call for predictable and additional financial resources.
- We would also need more discussions on the key programmes areas so that it is kept broad.
- We should build on existing work in this area, including regional initiatives.

On Waste

The following elements are missing in the text:

- The text does not differentiate between developed and developing countries regarding financing and capacity building.
- The challenges pointed out by the G-77 on capacity-building, research, education, and training for efficient waste management are not reflected.
- A reference is also needed on the specific assistance for developing countries to establish proper inventories of hazardous radioactive wastes, e-waste and sites potentially affected by poor

management of such wastes.

- The text should highlight that waste management activities have been serving as a means of income generation for people.

On Transport

- A missing element in transport is the request for increasing financial resources and provision of technology transfer and capacity-building and the diffusion of environmentally-sound technologies to developing countries in the area of transportation, including for cleaner fossil fuel and other fuel technologies.

On Mining

- We reiterate that States have sovereign rights over mining resources. The recommendations in the mining cluster are also overly prescriptive. The term "international governance of the mining sector" is misleading. These matters relate to the support for national policies which are governed by national legislation.

On Chemicals

- We should avoid bringing in issues that are currently under negotiations in other bodies.
- Attention should be given to the effective implementation of the Basel Convention and the need to reach a common understanding of the provisions related to the definition of hazardous wastes and other wastes.

3. The G77 reserves the right to discuss further these elements and submit additional views.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.