



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ABDULLAH M. ALSAIDI, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS, CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77, AT THE CLOSED INTER-MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (New York, 13 May 2010)

Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honour to address the inter-ministerial dialogue on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. In order to achieve sustainable development, there is an urgent need to translate previous global agreements to the local level in particular in developing countries. Recent global crises have highlighted our shared vulnerabilities and underscored the need for greater international co-operation to eradicate poverty, achieve the MDGs, and reverse the mounting pressure on the earth's ecosystems. It is therefore important that we commit to sustainable development with this sense of urgency.
3. Themes for CSD 18: Transport, Chemicals, Waste Management, Mining, and A 10-year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production are interlinked with each other, as well as with other sustainable development themes, including those from past and future CSD cycles and from forthcoming high-level events, such as the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), the High-level Plenary Meeting on the MDGs, the High-level Review of the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy, and the High-level Event on Biodiversity.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Implementing the outcomes of the major UN conferences related to economic and social fields, including Agenda 21 and JPOI is of great importance to the developing countries. We believe that these discussions in CSD will contribute substantively to the achievement of Agenda 21 and the internationally-agreed development goals (IADGs), including the MDGs, by 2015. It is also critical that we address the gaps and constraints in implementing Agenda 21 and JPOI in order to identify the way forward.
5. The Group attaches great importance to the consideration of the thematic issues in the CSD's agenda in the context of the three pillars of sustainable development, which are mutually reinforcing, inter-related and must be considered in an integrated manner.
6. Addressing the three pillars of sustainable development requires a comprehensive approach to international trade, finance, energy and technology. In this regard, it is important that we continue working towards an early conclusion of the development-oriented Doha Round of trade negotiations, mobilizing development assistance to developing countries, and ensuring that investment and trade policies are fair and structured to promote and facilitate technology transfer to developing countries on affordable and cost-effective terms, especially environmentally-sound technologies.

I thank you.