



G77 AIMS AT A CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT AT THE DURBAN CONFERENCE

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The second meeting of the Climate Change negotiation process is taking place in Bonn, Germany.

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change are holding consultations, while the scheduled workshops take place and experts continue to work on different issues through informal consultations and meetings at all hours.

The Group of 77 and China is a strong supporter of the Convention and has participated actively and constructively in the negotiations in the two-tracks, under the LCA and the Kyoto Protocol.

The Chair of the Group of 77 and China, which includes 131 developing countries from all regions and different realities in the world, commented that "Some say that we are discussing the agenda and getting bogged down with procedural matter. Make no mistake: this is not a procedural question. The negotiations are highly political - what is at stake here is whether or not we are going to work on the issues that need to be addressed so that we can have an agreement in Durban. All parties made commitments in Bali, decisions were taken in Cancun, and some parties are now trying to preclude any chance of completing the negotiations from the start, by going back on those commitments".

The Group is ready to continue making progress in the implementation of the institutional frameworks and organisms created in Cancun within the Bali Roadmap, but we cannot forget the political questions that are essential for a sustainable and effective international legal framework to continue to have a chance to actually prevent global temperatures to rise beyond what we can manage. We are nearing the point of no return, and the refusal from some quarters to even address the real issues is becoming reckless.

Jorge Argüello, Ambassador of Argentina to the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of 77 and China, as well as many members of the Group, are actively engaged trying to find definitions so the work in SBI and SABSTA can move on successfully. "There is very little chance of success for our work if we do not address the different elements of a comprehensive and balanced outcome

for Durban. The agreement in Cancun was to continue to work on the pending issues, some of which are key for progress in this year, not just for developing countries but for the majority of the parties. Yet, we are faced with the inflexibility from some parties, who are determined to prejudge the results of Durban without even the chance for a dialogue on the substance."

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