



**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 THE SUDAN, AT THE CLOSING PLENARY OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION UNDER THE CONVENTION (AWG-LCA) (Bonn, Germany, 12 June 2009)**

Mr. Chairman,

Sudan is honoured to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Group reiterates its thanks and gratitude to our host, the Government of Germany and the Secretariat for their excellent organization of this session.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group would like to reiterate its firm position that the AWG-LCA process must be and continue to be an open, full transparent, Party-driven, and inclusive process and focusing only on enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention as mandated by the Bali Action Plan. In this light, the Group of 77 and China urges the secretariat to ensure that all documents brought before us at the next session are translated into all six UN languages.

Mr. Chairman,

A widely diverse group with strong common interests, the Group however meets increasingly daunting challenges in coordinating its common positions as the process moves rapidly forward.

However large the spectrum of interests of a group of 130 developing countries represents, we have managed, and will continue to manage, to find common ground in our positions on these important negotiations, but time is of the essence.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group lacks an intersessional forum for forging these common positions, but more than that, we lack time to interact and refine these positions. We are trying all means available to us, through information technology tools, for example, but nothing replaces face-to-face interaction.

At the same time, it is well acknowledged within the system that when the Group does manage to move forward together, the process of negotiations also progresses much more rapidly.

Mr. Chairman,

Given the range of issues we face in the coming negotiations, and the complexity of some of these issues, the Group would need more time as we progress in our work to finetune their positions.

Mr. Chairman,

Urgent action is needed to address this serious challenge of climate change and its adverse effects. Agreement must be reached to forge an equitable global cooperation, in accordance with our common, but differentiated responsibilities which we have recognized, and the balance of these differentiated responsibilities which permeate each and every article of this legally binding agreement, the UNFCCC.

Mr. Chairman,  
Fifteen years into its entry into force, we have developed a range of tools and solutions which would help us in our collective work towards enhancing the implementation of this convention, and enable its full, effective and sustained implementation.

Mr. Chairman,  
Let us keep firmly in mind what we have agreed in this Convention: that the extent to which developing country parties will effectively implement their commitments under the convention will depend on the effective implementation by developed country parties of their commitments under the convention related to financial resources and transfer of technology and will take fully into account that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of the developing country parties.

Mr. Chairman,  
Implementation of commitments related to financial resources and transfer of technology therefore are crucial, and will determine whether we will indeed reach a "shared vision" and an equitable agreed outcome in Copenhagen.

Finally, Mr. Chairman,  
I would like to assure you that the Group will continue to support the LCA process and engage constructively in its upcoming sessions to achieve the aspired outcomes in Copenhagen.

I thank you.