



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 OPENING PLENARY OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION UNDER THE CONVENTION (AWG-LCA) (Bonn, Germany, 1 June 2009)

Mr. Chairman,

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

I would like to start by conveying our thanks and gratitude to the people and the Government of Germany for hosting us in the beautiful city of Bonn, and for the Secretariat for their excellent organization of this session.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group would also like to start by reiterating its position that the AWG-LCA process must be and continue to be an open, Party-driven, transparent, and inclusive process and focusing only on enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention as mandated by the Bali Action Plan.

Mr. Chairman,

This session marks a turning point in the LCA process in which serious substantive discussions on the content and form of the agreed outcome of the Bali Action Plan shall start. The Group would like to thank you for producing the negotiating text as mandated by the fourth session of the AWG-LCA as an initial step in the negotiations that we will have before us.

The Group finds, however, at this point, that the text should contain more balance and a clear reflection of the proposals of the Group. To this end, the Group will actively engage in discussions on the structure and substance of the text, to help us move forward towards an agreed outcome in Copenhagen.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group would also like to take this opportunity to restate its commitment to work constructively and diligently with all partners, in good faith, to make a real progress in this session towards reaching an agreed outcome that would "enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012", in accordance with the provisions and principles of the Convention, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group underlines the need for urgency and concrete action to address climate change and its adverse effects, as all of the developing countries and in particular the most vulnerable among us are daily suffering the damaging effects of climate change. This Convention has entered into force fifteen years ago. It is now about time for us to live up to all our common but differentiated

commitments under this science-based, legally-binding agreement, the only one dealing with climate change, the defining challenge of our times.

G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77

G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77

G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77

G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77

G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77

G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77

G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77 G-77