

China's Statement on the Agenda Item of Enhancing Implementation of the Convention

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Mr. Chairman, First please let me express, on behalf of the Chinese delegation, my sincere congratulation to you on your presidency of the COP and COP/MOP. Also I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Government of Indonesia and the Indonesian People for your excellent arrangements for this conference on the beautiful island of Bali.

Mr. Chairman, the basic principles established in the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol provides the legal basis for the international community to address climate change. The Kyoto Protocol is an effective model for implementing the Convention and should be adhered to in the long run. I heard from certain delegate a moment ago mentioning to "move beyond the Kyoto Protocol". If this is referred to the obligations of the second commitment period, then we can consider and support it. But if this means someone is trying to abandon the Kyoto Protocol, then my delegation will not support it. Any suggestion will not be helpful for us to take actions now and strive together to combat climate change, if that suggestion undermines the Kyoto Protocol process, or is intended to stop the Kyoto process. Any future arrangement on climate change should continue to follow the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities established in the Convention, addressing climate change within the framework of sustainable development, equal treatment of mitigation and adaptation, and effectively solve the problem of financing and technology which the developing country parties are most concerned.

The future arrangement to address climate change should focus on enhancing implementation of current provisions of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, and further strengthen those provisions in accordance to the latest scientific assessments.

The COP 11 decided in 2005 to set up the Dialogue process to discuss the problem of enhancing implantation of the Convention. I'd like to express my appreciation to the co-facilitators for their brief report on the Convention Dialogue process, and also my congratulations on the meaningful dialogue conducted between Parties. The Dialogue held 4 workshops during the past 2 years and the Parties exchanged views on sustainable development, adaptation, finance, technology transfer and market-based mechanisms, etc. To some extent, the workshops are meaningful in promoting and strengthening the implementation of the Convention. As for how the Dialogue could proceed, we prefer to continue dialogue with an extension of its mandate to further our discussions on relevant issues emerged in the last four workshops, so as to provide good preparation for the COP to reach agreement on mitigation, adaptation, technology and finance. Of course, we can also consider setting up a Working Group to discuss the issues abovementioned on the basis of the work of the Dialogue. Considering that not all Annex I Countries to the Convention are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, the Working Group can also discuss the issue of how the Annex I Countries which are not Parties to the Kyoto Protocol could take the emissions reduction responsibilities comparable to the commitments in the next Commitment Period by Annex I Countries which are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

Addressing climate change is an urgent task. In order to avoid possible severe adverse impacts of climate change on human society, the Bali Conference should immediately start to discuss the issue on how to further strengthen international cooperation on addressing climate change within the framework of UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol. With regard to the ROADMAP, I think “the ROAD is under our feet” and “the MAP is also in our hands”. The UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol is the ROAD, and the Montreal action plan is the MAP. What we need to do at the Bali conference is to combine the “the ROAD under our feet” with the “the MAP in our hands”, which is our expectations of the Bali ROADMAP. The Bali ROADMAP should focus on promoting the two -track process set by the Montreal Conference to achieve substantive progress, so as to make arrangements for enhancing implementation of the Convention, and to set a timetable for the work of AWG to ensure the determination of reduction targets by developed countries in the second commitment period as soon as possible.

The Convention Dialogue process should continue to focus on sustainable development, adaptation, technology and financing, etc., and achieve positive progress as soon as possible. We would very much like to see the process to make substantive achievements the next year, or 2010 at the latest. With respect to the key elements, we believe that they may include:

Firstly, mitigation. Developed Countries should at least reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 25%-40% by 2020 compared to 1990 levels. For developing countries, they should contribute more to undertake commitments of Policies and Measures to address

climate change, and the developed countries must provide financial resources, technology transfer and capacity building in this regard.

Secondly, adaptation. Adaptation is an important part of effort to address climate change. The task of adaptation is especially urgent for developing countries that are most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change. The future arrangement should focus specifically on strengthening adaptation, so as to improve the adaptation capabilities of developing countries.

Thirdly, technology. It is time to establish a mechanism for the development and transfer of technology, to remove barriers and provide incentives for the development and transfer of technologies, and to enable developing countries to use environmentally friendly technologies.

And fourthly, financial resources. Adequate and predictable funds must be secured for developing countries to address climate change, so as to support their mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer, reducing deforestation, economic diversification and scientific research activities, etc.

Mr. Chairman, we believe that the process on enhancing implementation of the Convention and the AWG shall be independent from each other, and could make respective progress in parallel with the common goal of enhancing international cooperation on climate change. We wish the Bali Conference a success in this regard.