

DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF
TANZANIA FOR THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA MADE
AT THE THE OPENING OF AGBM8 , 22 OCTOBER
1997

MR. CHAIRMAN, SIR

AS WE COME TO THE END OF THE MANDATE GIVEN
TO US IN BERLIN IN 1995, THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA WISHES TO RECORD THE
SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND
CHINA FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE
STEERED OUR PROCEEDINGS. IN SAYING SO, I
AM NOT ENGAGED IN MERE EXCHANGE OF PIOUS
PLATITUDES. FOR THE RESULT OF YOUR WORK IS
HERE BEFORE US. YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
REDUCE A 200 PLUS OAGE COMPILATION OF
PROPOSALS SHROUDED IN A MAZE OF BRACKETS
INTO A 25-PAGE STREAMLINED AND CONSOLIDATED
TEXT OF A PROTOCOL OR ANOTHER LEGAL
INSTRUMENT WHICH PAVES A WAY TOWARDS THE
FULFILMENT OF OUR MANDATE.

TODAY, AS WE BEGIN THE LAST SERIES OF
NEGOTIATING SESSIONS LEADING TO KYOTO, WE
STAND AT A DEFINING MOMENT OF THE PROCESS
WE UNDERTOOK TWO YEARS AGO.

ARE WE, PARTIES TO A CONVENTION SIGNED 5
YEARS AGO, NOW ALL OF US, READY TO ASSUME
OUR DIFFERENTIATED RESPONSIBILITIES FULLY?

TIME AND AGAIN DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS, THE
GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA HAVE ASSURED YOU, MR.
CHAIRMAN, ON OUR FULL SUPPORT AND