

issues is a first step to be taken. All the mechanisms have to be examined on the basis of the principles of equity, sustainable development, the other principles, and the objective of the Convention. The issues relating to the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) should be addressed first. The Group further maintains that domestic actions by the developed countries should be their primary means of greenhouse gas limitation and reduction, and that the overseas mechanisms should be supplemental to such domestic actions by developed countries for the purpose of meeting their quantified emissions limitation and reduction commitments.

AG-13

The AG-13 negotiations have raised a matter of grave concern to us. There is a concerted effort to erode the well-established UN principle of equitable geographical representation in the establishment of the Multilateral Consultative Committee (MCC). This is a fundamental principle that every UN member should respect and honor. The Group cannot accept any other arrangement that seeks to dilute this carefully conceived principle.

Since the Multilateral Consultative Process (MCP) is expected to be a non-confrontational, cooperative and consultative process, it is all the more essential that the Committee adheres to the principle of equitable geographical representation in its establishment.

Articles 4.8 and 4.9

Group of 77 and China emphasizes that these Articles relate to the concerns of all developing countries including the least developed country Parties arising from adverse effect of climate change and the impact of the implementation of response measures. The Group is disappointed at the lack of progress in implementing these provisions even after six years of deliberations. The Group urges immediate implementation of Articles 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention as these relate to the very survival of many of the member states.

Mr. Chairman,

The developing country Parties have on their own undertaken many projects, policies, and activities to address the problem of climate change and achieve sustainable development. The Group is confident that these efforts contribute meaningfully to modify the longer term trends of climate change. In this context, the provisions of new and additional financial resources and transfer of technology, as specified in the Convention, must be implemented.

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, I would like to thank the Executive Secretary, the Secretariat Staff, translators, interpreters, Conference officers, for their tireless work and dedication. I would also like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to the government and the people of Argentina, our hosts to the COP-4.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.