Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on Advancing the Implementatino of CSD decisions

We have listened to a strong call today from stakeholders and member states for taking further action to implement sustainable development, looking at the means to do so in the field -- financing, capacity building, technology -- and at the institutions that can support improved implementation -- at the national and global levels.

Brazil adds its voice to this call. An effective institutional framework at all levels is central for the implementation of sustainable development.

Improvements on the institutional framework for sustainable development should be explored - Felix Dodds and major groups have made interesting suggestions, which merit further discussion.

The integrated consideration of all three pillars - environment, social and economic - of sustainable development is what this Comission should bring to the table. However, fragmentation at the international level poses challenges to this. We should debate this in depth. Brazil intends to discuss these issues fully in the preparatory process leading up to Rio+20.

The representative of trade unions highlighted eloquently that major groups are making a difference, and could make much more. Brazil is an example of the very positive role of the engagement of civil society in promoting sustainable development, and we reiterate our commitment to the full involvement of all stakeholders both in formulation and implementation of policies and decisions.

On specific proposals for delinking growth from environmental degradation, I would just point out that they should adequately take into account the fundamental reason that we promote growth and protect the environment: the well-being of current and future generations of mankind. As pointed out by the distinguished delegate of India, the eradication of poverty and hunger should remain our central priorities.

Thank you.