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What is the scale and scope of the unfulfilled need for technology facilitation?

- First of all I would like to join others in extending our appreciation to the President of the General Assembly for the organization of the series of four, one-day structured dialogues to consider possible arrangements for a facilitation mechanism to promote the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies.
- I would also like to convey my delegation's congratulation to Ambassador Paul Seger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland, and Ambassador Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil as the co-moderators of this series of structured dialogues.
- We stands ready to support you Excellencies, to contribute constructively in the further process of these structured dialogues.
- Allow me to associate my remarks to the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the G-77 and China.
- We are of the view that now is indeed the time to ensure the final conclusion in the process to fulfill the mandate on technology facilitation mechanism as stipulated in Rio+20 Outcome.

- As we are all know, the Rio+20 Outcome Document acknowledged technology as one of the key 'means of implementation' along with finance, capacity building and trade.
- Technology is a vital means for developing countries to overcome obstacles to economic expansion and growth, in order to achieve specific development goals through a more sustainable development path.
- Despite this necessity, developing countries are still facing major challenges in advancing the use of technology, which are:
 - Obstacles with regard to finance, capacity building and training throughout different stages of technology life cycle, hindering their capacity into taking a more sustainable path of development.
 - Persistent technological and innovation divides between developed and developing countries

Note:

currently around 70 per cent of RD spending worldwide still takes place in developed countries.

- The lack of global framework, agreement, assessment or monitoring mechanism for science and technology for sustainable development. The system of capacity-building mechanisms for technology and sustainable development that has emerged is increasingly fragmented, including within the United Nations system.
- The lack of coordination and coherence among the existing works with regard to technology development and transfer in many fora for example in WTO, WIPO, etc.
- This situation reflects the need for a breakthrough in technology mechanism that can accelerate technology innovation, development, transfer and dissemination on a global scale, to bridging the gaps between countries and regions, and that is appropriate with the sustainable development challenge.
- In our view options for global technology facilitation mechanism could consists of:
- First, a global technology platform under the UN, composed of existing intergovernmental technology initiatives, linked with a technology development fund;

This platform is very important as the global hub to ensure the synergy and synchronization of existing technology development and transfer initiatives, as

well as ensuring the necessity means and supports for concrete implementation of the initiatives;

- Second, a network of centers, linking various global and regional initiatives/programs/centers; to synergize the various program of R&D cooperation as well as to establish a mechanism for sharing of knowledge and data;
- Third, partnerships, which include public and private partnerships in various technology cooperation and development initiatives;
- Fourth, capacity building and knowledge platforms.

Of course we will need further discussion on the components on possible arrangement, including the functions, scope and possible institutional arrangement/structure, and we look forward for further discussion today and in upcoming future process.
