

**Statement by the Chinese Delegation on the Outcome Document of UNCSD 2012
at the Second Session of Its Preparatory Committee**

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Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation associates itself with the statement of G-77 and China. What UNCSD 2012 can achieve is of crucial significance as it involves the role and credibility of the UN in global governance, and bears upon the well-being and development of the current and future generations. The Chinese delegation believes that the international community should seize this historical opportunity to work under the guidance of the principles of the Rio Declaration, build consensus and strengthen cooperation in order to achieve forward-looking and action-oriented substantive results at UNCSD 2012 so as to give new impetus to the global sustainable development agenda.

It is the consensus view of this session that the principles and objectives set at the Rio Conference are still valid and that it is imperative for the international community to enhance coordination and implementation, and respond to new issues and challenges effectively. The two themes to be discussed at the Conference, namely, green economy and institutional framework for sustainable development, are both means to achieve sustainable development.

First, the outcome document should follow the Rio spirit; focus on finding gaps, clarify means of implementation, and give integrated attention to all the three pillars of economy, society and environment to avoid selectivity so as to identify the way forward for the comprehensive advancement of the global sustainable development agenda.

Second, the outcome document should give full expression of the political will of all countries, encourage wide participation of the international community, enhance various forms of partnership, and promote coordinated implementation at international, regional and national levels.

Third, the outcome document should pay special attention to the situation and

needs of the developing countries, present concrete and effective measures to strengthen the monitoring of the fulfillment of international commitments so as to provide strong external support to the achievement of sustainable development by the developing countries.

Fourth, consultations on the outcome document should be open and transparent and ensure full and in-depth participation of the developing countries. The consultations should be led by member states and it is necessary to seek as much as possible the views and proposals of relevant international organizations and major groups. While the Third PrepCom and inter-sessional meetings should be fully utilized as the main negotiation channels, regional and national preparations should also be encouraged to contribute positively to the outcome of the Conference. At the current stage it is not appropriate to pre-set the format of the outcome document.

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation supports the Bureau's suggestion on a consultation roadmap. We hope that all parties would take a constructive approach, seek common ground and shelve differences and actively participate in the preparatory process and the consultations on the outcome document. China is willing to work together with all parties for the success of UNCSD 2012 so as to make it a new and important milestone in the global cause of sustainable development.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.