

Statement by the Chinese Delegation under the Item on Green Economy
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The Chinese delegation associates itself with the statement by the Group of 77 and China. Here I'd like to stress the following points:

First, developing green economy has become an important trend of our times. It is widely recognized that developing green economy can not only conserve energy and reduce emission, but also make more effective use of resources, expand market demand and create new fields of economic growth. Thus it is a remarkable conjunction of environmental protection and economic development.

Secondly, countries should implement policy measures conducive to green development and put in place operational mechanisms for virtuous development characterized by economic and social development in harmony with resource and the environment. In this way, we can maximize the sustainability of resource utilization and environmental improvement and minimize the damage to the natural environment and human health caused by industrial development, thus promoting the sustainable development of the world economy.

Thirdly, it is necessary to cultivate the value of harmony between man and nature, incorporate the culture of conservation and ethical value of environmental protection into social activities, and predicate economic activities on resource and environment sustainability in order to effect changes in the mode of production, people's life style and their pattern of consumption and promote green consumption.

Fourthly, the international community should create an enabling environment for green development. We should resolutely oppose the practice of erecting "green barriers" and engaging in trade protectionism under the pretext of environmental protection. The developed countries should help the developing countries to nurture green economy and promote economic development by means of providing technological transfer, financial assistance and market access.