

Talking Points on Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development

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The Chinese delegation associates itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China. Here I'd like to make some additional points:

First, the core of sustainable development lies in the coordinated development of the three pillars of economic development, social progress and environmental protection. Any institutional framework for sustainable development must be centered on these three pillars without particular emphasis on any one at the expense of others.

Secondly, in building an institutional framework for sustainable development, priority attention should be given to enhancing capacity building of the developing countries and increasing financial support to them. It is necessary to set both short-term and long-term objectives in this regard in order to provide the utmost help to the developing countries in striving for sustainable development.

Thirdly, building an institutional framework for sustainable development is a systemic endeavor which involves multiple aspects. Therefore, it is necessary to fully heed the views of member states and advance this endeavor in a gradual manner.

Fourthly, as the only organ within the UN system responsible for considering the question of sustainable development, the Commission on Sustainable Development should further strengthen its role. Countries should continue to support the work of the Commission and effectively enhance its role of policy guidance.