

**Statement by Kenya on securing the renewed political commitment for sustainable development during informal consultations held on March 7 and 8, 2011, New York**

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Mr. Chairman,

I thank you for this opportunity to make this short intervention on the objectives of the Rio+ 20 Summit.

Kenya supports the objectives of the conference. We believe that the objectives are interlinked, timely and relevant given that the implementation of international commitment on sustainable development requires strong political will.

Mr. Chairman,

The first objective, securing renewed political commitment for sustainable development, is very important in ensuring that all international commitments are adhered to and implemented within the stipulated period. As has been witnessed in the past, compliance and enforcement of sustainable development commitments in crucial sectors has been a major challenge. Little progress in the implementation of Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, Doha trade negotiations, little progress in climate change negotiations and the fatigue in the financing for development must be addressed.

Mr. Chairman

We recognize that over the last 20yrs, there has been some progress in the implementation of sustainable development. Member states have been able to achieve some Internationally Agreed Development Goals including the MDGs. However, many countries remain off-track in achieving all the MDGs by 2015. We must therefore scale up action-oriented interventions by honoring all international commitments including the ODA and food security. The environment pillar has grown with many Multilateral Environmental Agreements as well as

environmental legislations in Member States. What needs to be done is to promote coordination through synergies and streamlining of mandates.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, I wish to observe that there are many new and emerging challenges that Member States must address urgently to achieve sustainable development. The adverse effects and impacts of climate change, volatile food and energy prices as well as water crisis occasioned by persistent droughts continue to undermine progress so far achieved. We, member states, continue to suffer from the burdens of mitigation and adaptation needs and their implications on national economies. It is time to find long-term solutions to the crises.

I thank you.