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Co-chair;

My delegation associate itself with the statement made by Argentina on behalf of G-77 and china.

I raise some points in response to questions presented by UNCSD Bureau as follows:

1- 2012 conference is an opportunity for the United Nations and member states to address the failure, implementing the Rio and Johannesburg outcomes and considering changes which have occurred since 1992.

2- Sustainable development is a key element to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs, and those contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

3- We should focus on three pillars of sustainable development (economic development, social

development and environmental protection) and give equal weight to each of three pillars.

4- Despite some achievements, on protecting the environment and sustainable development, an evaluation of the results since the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992 and the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002, indicates that major gaps implementation and many unfulfilled commitments exist by the international community when the world is still suffering from the global crises and climate change.

5- Poverty eradication and changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are comprehensive objectives and essential requirements for sustainable development.

6- Transfer of technology should become the focus of the international community and the UN System, including at the highest political level. This should include the full implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity Building.

7- The Rio+20 should also identify ways for the UN system to increase capacity building support for national

sustainable development plans and strategies in developing countries.

8- “Green economy” should be considered in context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and conference of sustainable development should avoid a theoretical discussion on green economy.

10- As we prepare for Rio + 20, we should set emphasis on identifying gaps and challenges that have impeded the implementations of those outcomes, and how to address them. The preparation should start at local, national, regional and global levels.

Thank you