

## Statement of the Group of 77 and China

When the Preparatory Committee took up a draft decision on the process for the preparation of the draft outcome document for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the representative of Argentina, speaking on behalf of the “Group of 77” developing countries and China, said it was unfortunate that, despite discussions about commitment, some delegations had been “reticent” in that regard. Specifically, the Group of 77 objected to the mention in sub-paragraph "e" of the draft decision that informal meetings on the zero draft would take place “within existing resources” , but, with the understanding that the question of resources would be revisited in the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary), the Group would not block the consensus for adoption.