

Talking Points of the Chinese Delegation on the Green Economy
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Mr. President,

The Chinese delegation associates itself with the statement of the G77 and China. I'd like to stress the following points on this item:

First, developing green economy can save energy, reduce emission, utilize resources more effectively and open new areas of economic development. Countries should implement policy measures that are favorable to green development, build operational mechanisms that can strike a balance between economic and social development on the one hand and resources and environmental conservation on the other, maximize the sustainability of resource utilization and steadily improve ecological environment so as to promote economic development and social progress, thus contributing to the attainment of the MDGs.

Secondly, the green economy is not a substitute for sustainable development. Although developing green economy has become an important trend, there is currently no uniform understanding and definition of the content of the green economy. For the purpose of achieving balanced economic and social development and eradicating poverty, sustainable development remains an effective model that has been widely accepted and endorsed by countries of the world and international organizations. Developing green economy should be regarded as a means to achieve sustainable development and the three pillars of sustainable development should enjoy equal attention and should be pushed forward in parallel.

Thirdly, the international community should create an enabling environment for green development and resolutely oppose the practice of "green protectionism" under the pretext of environmental protection. Special attention should be given to preventing measures in areas of trade and finance that are restrictive to and discriminatory against the developing countries. Countries vary in their stage and level of development, so there is no "one size fits all" model of the green economy. It is necessary to grant adequate policy space to the developing countries, respect the policy measures they have taken based on their specific national conditions and respect their right to autonomously allocate and utilize their own natural resources. The developed countries should, by means of technological

transfer, financial assistance and market access, especially ODA, help the developing countries foster the green economy and realize balanced economic and social development.

Thank you, Mr. President.