



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY
DR. TAREK MUTAHAE, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE MISSION OF
REPUBLIC OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE
CLOSING SESSION OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
FOURTH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (New York, 11 January 2011)**

Co-Chairs,
Excellencies,

1. We would like to thank the Bureau and the Secretariat for organizing this intercessional meeting.
2. This session has provided a space to start discussing in depth the objective and themes of the Conference and it is now evident that more work is needed to clarify and identify a common understanding of the issues at hand.
3. The preparatory process needs to be enhanced and in that respect the Group believes that greater dynamism and leadership is needed.
4. A key to the success of the preparatory process and of the Conference itself is the adequate participation of developing country representatives. The resounding success of Rio 92 and the follow-up Conference in Johannesburg was largely in part because we had a very wide participation of governments, civil society and other important stakeholders. We hope that for Prep Com. 2 developing countries will be supported by the CSD Trust fund.

I thank you.