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REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE UN, AT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING  
OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation associates itself with the statement made by Argentina on behalf of G-77 and China.

Since the Second PrepCom in March, preparation for the Conference on Sustainable Development is moving forward smoothly thanks to the active efforts by all sides. Various regional commissions of the UN and many countries including China have held a series of regional or thematic meetings to discuss in depth questions such as the objectives, themes and expected outcome of the Conference. This has contributed to enhancing mutual understanding and agreement. At the same time, parties have presented their positions and views and submitted many propositions regarding the outcome of the Conference, which will certainly enrich our discussion and provide the groundwork for us to sort out the outcome in the next stage of the preparation.

Mr. Chairman,

China attaches great importance to the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, and is pleased with the active participation of all sides in the preparatory process. We are ready to work with all sides to push for a comprehensive, balanced and pragmatic outcome of the Conference. At the end of October, China submitted to the Secretariat of the Conference a position paper that contains our detailed observations and position on the Conference and its outcome. Here, I'd like to highlight the following points.

First, the Outcome Document should aim at deepening the political will of all countries. The objective of the 2012 Conference is to comprehensively assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in international efforts for sustainable development, and secure renewed political commitment in the face of new challenges. As the embodiment of this objective, the Outcome Document should send a clear and strong message on revitalizing international cooperation for sustainable development so as to prompt all sides to demonstrate political will, expedite the implementation of relevant international commitments, and push for positive results in international cooperation for sustainable development.

Second, the Outcome Document must firmly uphold the Rio principles, especially the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities". This is a crucial factor which will decide whether consensus can be reached on the Outcome Document. The principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities" is the basis and core of international cooperation for sustainable development, and also the key to the success of the Conference. Any attempt to reopen negotiation on this principle or to distort or