

**Statement on behalf of the Republic of Korea
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on the discussion on the compilation document**

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On behalf of the Korean delegation, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the Bureau and the Secretariat for their hard work of preparing this important intersessional meeting.

In his acceptance speech after being reelected, Secretary-General Ban Ki moon stated that climate change and sustainable development would be at the top of his agenda during his second term as Secretary-General. We are living in a world that is changing fast, we need to come together to address one of the overarching issues of our time, sustainable development.

At the upcoming UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the global community has enormous expectations to implement the Rio+20 Agenda. The Republic of Korea believes that Rio+20 would be the perfect moment to establish the big picture of SD future framework for the next 10 years in an action-oriented and future-oriented manner to tackle the global challenges the planet is now facing.

Korea expects that Rio+20 will be able to produce an outcome document in the form of a political declaration, containing strong commitments to achieve the vision for SD. The outcome document needs to contain an annex which elaborates the action for measures of implementation and the precise steps that nations must take and pursue. The action plan should be concrete and concise to be quoted right away into the policies of each country with a view towards implementation.

The outcome should also contain the basic guidelines governing Rio+20's theme, and the subsequent toolkits with flexibility and differentiation. Priority initiatives including water, food security, energy, etc. should be highlighted in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication to be more focused and political.

Reaffirming that the implementation of SD is the key point that all the Member States are aiming for, we all agree that the functions of the current regime need to be revitalized to enhance the implementation. Korea believes that the Sustainable Development Council should be established through the transformation of the CSD. To create the Council as a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly, there is no need to amend the UN Charter. The Council would place greater emphasis on sustainable

development and give it greater political weight in order to narrow the gaps in implementing sustainable development and to monitor implementation.

To support SD and to cooperate with global community for aiming this goal, the Republic of Korea suggests setting up a concrete mechanism for international cooperation. By establishing a global and regional knowledge-sharing platform, the global community could share and monitor the implementation of green economy and this platform could support the development and transfer of green technology.

Enhanced capacity is needed for the international system and individual countries to best mitigate environmental harms and to adapt to environmental changes that are occurring and will occur in the future. Capacity building should be promoted on the level of global institutions, but should also be directly and actively implemented on the regional level, reflecting the insights, relationships and cultural connections that can form the foundation for a strong network between countries. In this regard, Korea believes that 'green network for capacity building' could play a key role to tackle our global challenges.

We believe that Korea has an important role to play at Rio+20 and beyond as a bridge nation and as a country with a strong commitment to, and hands on policy experience in, green growth and SD. Korea would like to cooperate with other Member States to make Rio+20 a resounding success.

I thank you.