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Mr. Chairman

On behalf of Nigeria, I wish to align myself to the statement by the representative of Pakistan on behalf of the G-77 and China.

The means of implementation including financial resources, technologies and other related cross-cutting issues are key to the effective implementation of all the ideas generated on policy options for energy, industry and air pollution/atmosphere. As such there is urgent need to support efforts of developing countries through technical assistance to strengthen domestic credit and capital base, capacity building to strengthen technical and administrative skills, strengthening the role of the international financial institutions in the flow of investments related to developing infrastructure, development of micro-financing mechanisms, joint research and development programmes, transfer of new and emerging technologies. Without addressing these key issues not much could be achieved.

Mr. Chairman

It is certainly inevitable that the international community must enhance the role of women in the implementation of the sustainable development agenda for us to achieve the targets of the international development goals, including the MDGs. In this regard, Nigeria supports gender mainstreaming in all facets of implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the WSSD. Nigeria also firmly supports public and private partnerships, especially for SMEs to promote affordable, efficient, advance fossil fuel and renewable energy technologies as well as safe, affordable and efficient transportation and overall reduction in air pollution.

Africa and the LDCs require urgent attention from the international community in order to fulfill their commitments with regard to ODA, JOI, Monterrey Consensus, Bali Strategic Plan on capacity building and technology. We cannot deal with implementation without cancellation of the mounting foreign debts of the African countries as well as other critical issues such as the removal of tariff and non-tariff measures, etc. We fully recognize the linkages of all the thematic themes, which will require all-inclusive actions to fully address.

I thank you.