

Statement by Brazil on Interlinkages and Crosscutting Issues

We associate ourselves with the statement made by the Representative of Sudan on behalf of the G77 and China.

The focus of this Session on the food crisis underscores the interlinked nature of the issues before the Commission's current thematic cycle. They should thus be addressed in an integrated manner

The challenge to translate those recommendations into concrete action requires that the failure to integrate environmental, social and development priorities into global economic policies be addressed as a matter of priority. The multiple crises we are facing might offer the opportunity for a paradigm shift to be achieved.

Bridging the technological gap is, along with financing, the most crucial challenge. The lofty goals enshrined in Chapter 34 of Agenda 21 remain largely unachieved. We have to seriously address that if we are to make a difference. Both north-south, and south-south cooperation can be part of the solution; ~~to make a difference~~, they should be aligned with the national development policies and aimed at strengthening productive capacities as well as accelerating economic growth and sustainable development.

Adequate financing is of course the enabling factor ~~for that to happen~~. National governments should ^{allocate} ~~provide~~ adequate budgetary resources but ODA commitments have to be fulfilled.

Also, factors that distort international trade must be removed. That would create the necessary conditions for agriculture to develop, with spin off benefits for the other related areas under our scrutiny.

There are success stories to be shared and lessons to be learned. We need a new international covenant if the world is to achieve the MDGs and move beyond. The CSD has to be kept vital for contributing to that process.

Thank you, Madame Chairperson