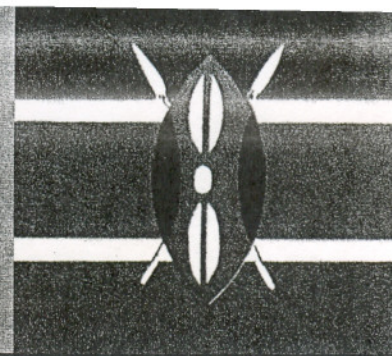




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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE FIFTEENTH
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(CSD-15)
WHILE MAKING COMMENTS ON "THE DRAFT CHAIRMAN'S TEXT"
ON
FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH 2007
AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK.**

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Kenya delegation, I express our thanks to you, the Bureau and CSD Secretariat for efforts made to come up with the draft Chairman's text.

Kenya delegation aligns itself with the comments delivered by the representative of Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

We wish to reiterate the observation that the Chairman's text has left out several important issues raised by the Group and it does not adequately reflect the rich discussion and exchange of ideas during the last four days. In this respect, we hope the revised chairman's text that is expected this afternoon will reflect this concern.

With regard to structure, the Kenya delegation expects the Chairman's text to be in form of a resolution with clearly structured sections i.e., the preambular sections reflecting the broad general principles and the operative section(s) reflecting policy options and actions to be taken.

Mr. Chairman,

The above proposal is in line with the decision taken during the last General Assembly that the Chairman's text from the IPM presents an initial framework resolution that would be a basis for negotiations. This text should therefore be available to delegations as early as possible to enable consultations at national and other levels as appropriate.

Mr. Chairman,

On specific issues that we would like included or reflected adequately in the draft include: -

- Capacity building at national level to address all the themes to be addressed by the CSD-15,
- Provision and identification of new and additional resources in particular, to developing countries,
- Promotion of development and facilitation of transfer of appropriate advanced technologies to developing countries

Mr. Chairman, while acknowledging the difficult task before you, Kenya delegation looks forward to your positive consideration and inclusion of our concerns and in particular those raised by the Chair of the Group of 77 and China including those of like minded groups and delegations.

I thank you. Mr. Chair.