



**Statement of the Group of 77 and China**

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**Item 2. UNCTAD Contributed to the Implementation of the Doha Programme of Action (DPoA) for the Least Developed Countries.**

**H.E. Paul Bekker, President of the Trade and Development Board,  
Madame Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD  
Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

1. Let me begin by expressing my appreciation to Madam Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, for her opening remark and Director Paul Akimuwi for the presentation.
2. At the outset, the G77 and China would like to recognize the continuous efforts of UNCTAD to fulfill its mandate as outlined in the Doha Programme of Action (DPoA), specifically paragraph 299, and the Bridgetown Covenant regarding support for the least developed countries (LDCs).
3. The Group would also like to acknowledge the positive impact of donors in supporting the implementation of the DPoA For the LDCs.
4. The Group of 77 and China also wishes to recognize the importance of the topics discussed under the Research and Analysis pillar, and we appreciate the member states' contributions that conclude in the adoption of agreed conclusions, as mandated by the Accra Accord. Indeed, we should view these outcomes as part of a continuous process, building on previous progress.
5. During the previous cycle of meetings, based on the Economic Development in Africa Report (EDAR) and the LDC Report, we addressed two key issues: the need for industrialization in commodity-dependent countries, and the importance of securing access to financial resources for vulnerable countries to mitigate the negative impacts of climate challenges. These concerns are not only relevant to LDCs but also to the G77 as a whole.
6. The Group takes note of the Global Crisis Response Group and looks forward to receiving updates on its evolution and results, with a view to serve the needs of this organization, particularly in supporting LDCs and advancing the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action (DPoA).
7. Moreover, the Group appreciates UNCTAD's ongoing support to LDCs and other vulnerable countries, recognizing its critical role in providing intellectual inputs, narrative building, and technical assistance to build resilience and foster sustainable development. In addition, we value UNCTAD's work on assisting graduating LDCs in producing Vulnerability Profiles, Productive Capacities Assessments, and

other holistic programmes that are vital for LDCs to achieve a smooth, sustainable, and resilient graduation trail.

8. In addition, the group recalls that paragraph 308 of DPoA mandates UNCTAD to address the challenges faced by LDCs; to contribute to the implementation of the DPoA and also underlines for the UNCTAD to maintain its capacity to the end. With reference to this mandate and to the paragraph 9 of the agreed conclusion at the 88th session of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance (Item 3), the group also requests UNCTAD secretariat to explore accessing new funding sources pertaining to the DPoA for its activities supporting LDCs.
9. We also wish to re-emphasize the importance of technical cooperation programs as a complement to the work undertaken in the Research and Analysis pillar. In this regard, we commend UNCTAD for aligning its projects with the national development strategies of recipient countries.
10. In closing, while it is impossible to readily address all the elements mentioned in the report, we believe that the work of UNCTAD is deserving of recognition. We encourage donor countries to continue supporting UNCTAD's efforts in favor of the LDCs.

Thank you.