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Ambassadors, dear colleagues,

I would like to start my intervention by expressing my deep condolences to the people and the Government of Egypt for the horrible and inhumane crimes committed against a group of its citizens.

It is a great honor for Chile and for me, to serve as a Chair of the Group of 77 and China, for the year 2015. I would like to congratulate my predecessor, Ambassador Lourdes Yparraguirre for her wonderful job done in chairing the Group. It is indeed for me an honor to succeed her in this position.

The G77 remains the most important Group of Developing Countries within the United Nations System. We have been successful in representing the interest and the voice of developing world in the international arena, with special emphasis in Vienna, and will continue in this endeavor during this year in which we will face many challenges and opportunities.

This is an important year for the history of the United Nations. We celebrate 70 years since the Charter of United Nations was signed in San Francisco. Last year we also celebrated 50 years of the creation of

the Group of 77; the group remains a vibrant and influential block of developing countries.

Ambassadors, dear colleagues,

It is my intention to put my efforts in keeping and reinforcing the spirit of unity existing among the G77 delegations and looking for effectiveness in our work. Therefore, I will first rely on the work of the task force coordinators. I strongly believe in the importance of consultations at all levels.

I am ready to engage myself in broad discussions with delegations in all matters, and we should work permanently in trying to focus on issues relevant to the Group. I will also put my efforts in promoting a constructive dialogue with other regional groups.

This dialogue will continue with the Secretariats, which I believe it is paramount to keep an open channel and cooperation, in order to be informed and to explain the priorities of the Group.

Ambassadors, dear colleagues,

As you well know, the G77 deals with issues pertaining to five main areas: UNIDO, IAEA, UNODC, UNOOSA and CTBTO. Each of these entities is important for our nations, and it is through the finding of common ground with our partners that we can increase our chances to succeed.

On UNIDO, I would like to highlight our strong relation with this organization; the adoption of the Lima Declaration “Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Industrial Development” was key for breathing new life into the Organization, and now it is playing again a significant role in the international economic sector with a clear and concrete message on industrialization policies. The Group is fully committed in helping UNIDO, and his Director General, in its endeavor and we will work closely to shape the sustainable industrial development in the SDG post 2015.

On IAEA matters, the main focus of G77 remains, as in the past, on broadening the scope and peaceful use of nuclear energy, and on technical cooperation and nuclear security. Nuclear security and nuclear safety are key concerns for all the countries and should continue being addressed in a balanced manner.

Regarding technical cooperation, it is important to continue to improve the rate of attainment and to secure the proper funding of these activities. In this regard, it is of fundamental importance that all the state members, but especially those that are being benefiting for the international cooperation programs, to make the necessary efforts to pay their annual contributions to the Organization.

On CTBTO, we are committed to our common goal to promote the universalization an entry into force of the CTBTO, and we reaffirm the important function of the Capacity Building and Technical Cooperation activities and its continuing role for monitoring and verification.

On UNOOSA, I would like to announce that we will reinstall the task force on COPUOS Matters, in order to make our Group present and active in the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in June, as well as in the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, to be held next April.

This initiative is based on the need for our countries to have more access to opportunities for international cooperation in the peaceful exploration and uses of outer space, as well as on the fundamental need to ensure equal access to outer space, especially for developing countries.

On UNODC, there are important events this year in which I see many opportunities for the Group to participate

On CND, we have started the preparatory process for UNGASS 2016, and we will continue as a Group engaging into this process to make it adequate, inclusive and effective

Next April we will celebrate the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in Doha, hosted by one of our Members.

The deliberations and outcomes, mainly its declaration containing its recommendations, will guide and mark the work of the CCPCJ and its agenda for the next 5 years and influence national policies and practices promoting international cooperation in that field.

On UNCAC, on November the Sixth Conference of State Parties will take place in San Petersburg, We are approaching the end of the first cycle of the review of the implementation of the Convention, and we will have to start – after the conference- the second cycle of the Mechanism.

Regarding to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime –UNTOC-, during the last years it has been a priority for the G77 to finalize the process and to adopt a review mechanism in order to assist the States Parties in effectively implementing the Convention.

We will continue working together in order to achieve these goals.

Ambassadors, dear colleagues,

I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues from GRULAC, who have placed their trust in my country to fulfill this important duty.

Finally, let me thank DDG Mr. Taizo Nishikawa, for UNIDO's financial support to the G-77, Mrs. Fatou Haidara for her continuous support, and my gratitude for the excellent and tireless job performed by Mrs. Annemarie Heuls as Liason Officer of the G-77 in Vienna.

Thank you all.