



**Speech of H.E. Dr. Gisele Marie Hortense Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe,
Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Gabon to UNESCO and to OIF**

**During the turn-over ceremony between
H.E. Mr. Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of India to
UNESCO and
H.E. Dr. Gisele Marie Hortense Ossakedjombo-Ngoua Memiaghe, Ambassador and
Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Gabon to UNESCO and to OIF**

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I wish to thank Ambassador Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO and all the members of his team for the work brilliantly accomplished for the year 2011. I would like to thank Ms. Mary Joy Brocard of the Secretariat of UNESCO, for having exercised the functions of secretariat for the Group of 77 and China.

Excellencies, Ambassadors, ladies and gentlemen, please allow me to express my gratitude for the confidence you have accorded to my country Gabon, through my modest person, for the important task of Chairperson of the Group of 77 and China. The responsibilities that I would be taking on behalf of our Group, with the assistance of each of you, are vital and complex.

This is why I will not hesitate a moment to seek your advice and guidance in order to efficiently accomplish our common tasks. I therefore propose that we meet once a month in a meeting of the members of the Bureau, and in a plenary meeting.

Similarly, taking into consideration the calendar of meetings held at UNESCO, a special plenary meeting of our Group could be considered. We will therefore conduct programmes of activities of the Group of 77 & China in which we will agree on together.

The year 2012 gives us the opportunity to prepare with calm, serenity and the participation of all, the records that we will pass on behalf of our Group for the 37th session of the General Conference of our Organization.