



VIENNA CHAPTER

STATEMENT BY H.E.AMBASSADOR A.A.SOLTANIEH AT THE TURNOVER CEREMONY OF THE G-77 CHAIRMANSHIP

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In the Name of God

The Most Gracious and the Most Merciful

Excellencies, Mr. Director- General Dr. Yumkela, Mr. Executive Secretary Ambassador Tibor Tóth, Mr. Cerveny, and Mr. Sandage;

Distinguished and Dear Friends,

It is great honor for my country for me to have the opportunity to serve the members of the G-77 in Vienna being the headquarter of important specialized Agencies, International Atomic Energy Organization (IAEA), United nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), as well as the United Nations Office, UNODC in charge of the organized crimes and drug, and the last but not the least the COUPOS. I am obliged to express appreciation to the heads of organizations or their representatives being present in this ceremony. This is an indication of importance they attach to the activities of the G-77 and China.

Distinguished Colleagues,

Permit me just to remind ourselves the main objective and functions enshrined in the Statutes of the organizations which we are working with in Vienna, and the legitimate expectations of G-77 and China echoed so far.

UNIDO

According to articles I and II of the UNIDO constitution; “The primary objective of the Organization shall be the promotion and acceleration of industrial development in the developing countries with a view to assisting in the establishment of a new international economic order. The - Organization shall also promote industrial development and co-operation on global, regional and national, as well as on sectoral levels”. The UNIDO shall; “Encourage and extend, as appropriate, assistance to the developing countries in the promotion

and acceleration of their industrialization, in particular in the development, expansion and modernization of their industries.

I am obliged to express appreciation for the administrative support of the UNIDO to the Group of G-77 and China.

UNODC

Group of 77 has called all parties to commit to the values and principles reflected in the Political Declaration and Plans of Action, especially the centrality of the fight against illicit drugs as a common and shared responsibility. As a matter of fact, our societies are at the frontline in the fight against drugs. The efforts that are made in this fight, most of the time with a high cost for our people, require a sustained investment, particularly in terms of equipment, infrastructure and capacity-building, to counter illicit activities that are constantly updated and financed largely. We need to pave the way for a coordinated and sustainable scheme of international cooperation grounded in a renewed commitment to multilateralism and increasing technical and financial assistance specifically to the developing countries.

Provision of technical Assistance to developing countries, upon request, is an over arching issue of concern that all Members of Group confirm its role for straightening the responses to Crimes and Drugs. Furthermore, real concerns of the Group on financial situation and governance of UNODC has been an issue which resulted to creation an open ended working group and to address the challenges of current situation, the group's active involvement is necessary

IAEA

All Member States, specifically the developing countries merely expect the implementation of the statute, particularly article II, and III, where they stipulate: The Agency shall seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world.” And fact that “The Agency is authorized to encourage and assist research on, and development and practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world; and, if requested to do so, to act as an intermediary for the purposes of securing the performance of services or the supplying of materials, equipment, or facilities by one member of the Agency for another; and to perform any operation or service useful in research on, or development or practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful purposes.”

CTBT

Considering that the treaty is an important nuclear disarmament instrument the close collaboration between the Secretariats of the Preparatory Commission and the States Parties specifically the developing countries paved the way for effective implementation of its objective.

Distinguished colleagues,

I would like to assure all of my family members of the G-77 and China, specifically my colleagues in Asian Group which they nominated me, that I spare no effort to serve in the most sincere, impartial, and professional manner in order sustain existing constructive cooperative environment and solidarity. At the same time to further enhance our close interactions and cooperation with secretariats of various relevant international organizations.

Distinguished Friends,

I have to confess that H.E. Ambassador Taous Feroukhi of Algeria has established an unprecedented record during her chairmanship that made it difficult for me to compete with her! Therefore I am looking forward to receiving her advice and your assistance in order to serve you all, in such a way to deserve the confidence which you have entrusted to me.

Finally inviting all of you to join us in the reception in the VIC restaurant, permit me to give gifts, Iranian handcrafts, on your behalf, to H.E. Ambassador Taous Feroukhi and Madam Annemarie, the Liaison Officer of the G-77 and China who has helped us with sincerity and dedication.

The last but not the least I would like to wish you all Happy New Year.

Thank You