

STATEMENT  
BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA  
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Mr. President,

At the outset, Indonesia would like to align itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Sudan on behalf of the Group - 77 and China.

Allow me to thank the Secretary-General for his comprehensive and informative report. We take note with appreciation the recommendations contained therein, providing a useful basis for today's discussion.

Given the newly strengthened mandate of ECOSOC, Indonesia fully supports its role in mainstreaming the sustainable development concept in the work of all United Nations System. With the current global situation, the international community needs a pro-sustainable development international system to support their economic and social development while protecting the environment.

Mr. President,

Within the last year, our sustainable development efforts have been battered by a series of challenges that unquestionably will have long term repercussions.

As the Ministers emphasized achieving sustainable development in these challenging times will require comprehensive, coherent and integrated approaches with concerted action.

The United Nations has done a commendful effort in instituting changes that are consistent with these objectives such as the Secretary-General's system wide coherence and One United Nations.

To further enhance the efforts to reach an effective, coordinated and coherent approach among the UN system's agencies and bodies, there are three issues that should be considered:

First, adopt an issue-based approach, prioritizing the defining and pressing global challenges of our time. As indicated in the 2008 Ministerial Declaration, the global concern of our time that confront our sustainable

development efforts are the Financial, Energy and Food Crisis and Climate Change.

The entire UN system should take part in defining their role within their respective mandate in a coordinated and coherent manner. The establishment of UN energy, Delivering as One on Climate Change, and the establishment of the High Level Task force to enhance coordination among UN system to face the global food crisis last year is welcomed. This is however not to discount the importance of the ongoing process on system wide coherence as mandated by our leaders at the World Summit Outcome in 2005.

Likewise, the same efforts should be applied at the country level. Implementing similar measures can help to ensure that the UN acts efficiently, effectively and contributes constructively to sustained economic growth and sustainable development, particularly in developing countries.

Let me also underscore some of Indonesia's view to strengthen the role of the UN system in addressing some pressing issues related to sustainable development.

On the issue of energy, there should be a systematic way to ensure energy security worldwide. The UN system should lead the way in mobilizing political will and commitment to develop a roadmap to undertaking better access to energy especially in developing countries. The same efforts should be taken in promoting energy efficiency and new and renewable sources of energy in a coherent manner. Given the importance of technology, the United Nations system should work together to ensure the transfer of technology to developing countries. A multilateral fund and international centre for energy technology should be established for that purpose.

On the issue of food security, a follow up system coordinated by the UN system should be established to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the various plans and policy options suggested by the CFA in addressing the crisis. It would be highly valuable to include targets and a time frame in which we can expect to see results. Furthermore, a UN based early warning system for global food insecurity is needed to detect and avert any reoccurrence of future crisis. It is important for the UN to play a key role in monitoring and reporting on the status of global food supply, demand, and prices. This can be done by strengthening on the FAO and WFP agriculture commodities supply and demand monitoring system. However it must be integrated under one UN system, which can be reviewed regularly and receive the necessary political attention from all members. It is also important that the UN system support national and regional efforts on food security by establishing food stock reserve at national and regional level.

In addressing climate change, the United Nations should focus on strengthening the capacity of developing countries to cope with the negative impact of climate change. The broader UN System should focus on the implementation of measures consistent with their specific mandates to address climate change. In this regard, the valuable efforts in maximizing existing synergies, eliminating duplication and overlap as well as optimizing the impact of the collective efforts of the UN system by implementing the Delivering as One mode of operation in combating Climate Change should be enhanced.

Second, institutions dedicated to address the three pillars of sustainable development should be strengthened at national, regional and global level. In the context of current challenges, it is important to reduce fragmentation and enhance the integration of principles and pillars of sustainable development. The United Nations must lead the overall global effort to address the current challenges not only from the perspective of environment but also economic growth and social development.

It is also just as important to ensure that there is enhanced coordination among multilateral agreements in the economic, social and environmental spheres. We are of the view that the discussion to convene a Rio+20 Summit in 2012 should partly devote itself to international institutions and governance of sustainable development in the United Nations System.

At the national level, the United Nations system should support the integration of sustainable development principles into national development strategies and program.

Finally, to ensure success in its operational programs, adequate and predictable sources of funding is necessary. Indonesia recognizes the importance of transparency and the efficient use of financial resources, however it would be challenging for any operational framework of the UN system to succeed without an expanding and adequate source of funding. More effort is needed to ensure transparency but at the same time greater funding predictability is also needed.

These three pillars should be put as a priority in making the work of the UN system more coherent and effective. It should be implemented if we want to the UN to remain relevant in addressing current challenges for now and in the future.

I thank you.