



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

STATEMENT BY MR. ROBERT NGEI MULE ON BEHALF OF THE KENYAN DELEGATION AT THE COORDINATION SEGMENT OF THE 2009 SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUICIL (GENEVA, 13TH July 2009)

Mr. President,

The Kenya delegation thanks the Secretary General through the President for the report of the theme of this coordination segment.

My delegation aligns itself to the statement made by the distinguished delegate from the Republic of Sudan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Issues of energy, climate change, water resources, agriculture, rural development and sustainable development are important to us.

As rightly indicated by the distinguished delegate from Sweden on behalf of the EU, Africa and its agriculture require priority attention of the international community.

My delegation supports the proposal by Brazil for countries to enhance their cooperation in the promotion of the use of sustainable sources of energy particularly through the South-South Cooperation framework. This is also applicable to the other areas identified as critical in the promoting sustainable development

We are faced by many development challenges which we must find solutions for, either at national or international level. In this regard, the United Nations has a role to play developing countries in addressing them.

My delegation takes note of the fact that the UN system has instituted mechanisms to promote sustainable development. What is very crucial and that is being discussed in this meeting is the need for harmonized coordination of an integrated mechanism to address the challenges we face.

In its effort to embrace a sustainable development framework, the United Nations should upscale its support to capacity building, mobilization of resources, and promotion of the use of technological advancements. In this regard,

- There is need to support development of human capacity to deal with emerging issues occasioned by the global economic and financial crises
- Resource mobilization remains critical as savings and expenditure dwindle as a result of the global challenges

Finally, we need to give the necessary attention to technological ^{advancements} achievement in an effort to improve productivity for sustainable development.

Thank you Mr. President.