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Statement on Behalf of the Africa Group to COP 9.

Mr President

Colleagues

Please allow me also  
wish to congratulate you on your appointment to  
the Presidency of COP 9 and wish to pledge the support  
of the Africa Group in making this Conference a  
resounding success. <sup>and the optimism demonstrated in your statement.</sup> We have no ~~dot~~ doubt that under your leadership

I also wish to thank the Italian Government for  
providing us excellent facilities for our meeting.

Mr President I wish to lend our support to the  
statement made by Morocco on behalf of 477 and  
China.

Africa is the most vulnerable continent to climate  
change with droughts and floods causing unbearable  
suffering on the Continent. Africa is also the poorest  
continent with the bulk of the LDCs being part of  
our continent rendering us <sup>the</sup> least able to adapt to  
climate change.

Because of the above situation Africa would like  
to see progress on both mitigation ~~to~~ and adaptation to  
climate change. We therefore urge all countries,  
in particular the biggest emitters <sup>of GHGs</sup> to ratify the  
Kyoto Protocol as a matter of urgency so that it  
can enter into force. We have all accepted the  
principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities  
and we should uphold this important principle.  
So far annex 1 countries have failed to  
demonstrate leadership in reducing greenhouse gas

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emissions both under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. There is general lack of political will by Annex 1 countries in reducing climate change while Africa suffers from the devastating effect of climate change. We call for seriousness and commitment by Annex 1 countries in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol.

~~For~~ COP 9 is taking place with a lot of unfulfilled obligations and we look forward for to progress in this COP.

The implementation of the Technology transfer framework including funding for technology transfer is critical for mitigation and adaptation.

COP 9 is going to review the Capacity building framework agreed in Marrakesh. Available information shows that not much has been done in this regard and we need to intensify our efforts in building capacity for technology diffusion, for CDM and for adaptation to Climate Change.

While we welcome the new focus on methodological work on adaptation, in this COP should further work on the implementation of Articles 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention, in particular implementation of actions in Decision S/C.P.7.

We also look forward to ~~just~~ providing further guidance to GEF to operationalize the Special Climate Change Fund <sup>and the</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>the</sup> funding of adaptation projects <sup>including implementation of NAPAs</sup> as contained in Decision S/C.P.7 <sup>including implementation of NAPAs</sup>.  
Mr. A President Africa also look forward to the

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Finalization of <sup>definitions and</sup> modalities for inclusion of LULUCF into the CDM so that implementation of CDM projects can begin.

Let me again assure you Mr. President that Africa will lend you ~~its~~ our full support to ensure progress in this COP.

I Thank you.

We welcome the focus of the High level roundtables particularly on the review of progress in implementation of the Convention. We hope that the results of this review will lead to concrete actions being taken to speed up implementation including the speedy entry into force of the ~~the~~ Kyoto Protocol.