



**G77 and China Statement for the Opening Plenary at COP-27,  
Sharm El-Sheikh**

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**Mr. President,  
Distinguished Colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Pakistan has the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

In the interest of time, I would be making an abridged version of the statement. The full version will be posted on the UNFCCC website for the record.

Allow me to commend Government of Egypt for hosting of this year's UN Climate Change Conference on the theme of implementation.

We are confident that under your able stewardship Mr. President, this COP would put us on the path towards achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

The Group assures you of our full support and commitment to contribute constructively to the success of COP 27.

**Mr. President,**

Climate Change is a defining challenge of our time, and we are at a watershed moment in our collective fight against it.

Indeed, time is now to turn the pledges and commitments into concrete actions in tackling the challenges posed by climate change and its adverse impacts.

If we do not act now and raise our ambition in the light of principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibility the future of our children is bleak.

It is therefore critical that COP 27 achieves balanced and significant progress across all issues: adaptation, mitigation, means of implementation and loss and damage.

**Mr. President,**

We are living in an era where many developing countries are already witnessing unprecedented devastating impacts of climate change, though they have contributed very little to it.

And Pakistan is a prime of example of that. My country suffered catastrophic floods that left 33 million lives in tatters, with losses and damages amounting to a tenth of the GDP of the country.

Enhanced solidarity and cooperation to address Loss and Damage is not charity – it is climate justice.

G77 and China is united in its demand for establishment of a dedicated finance facility to provide new and additional financial support to developing countries for addressing Loss and Damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change.

It is also imperative that the institutional structure and operational modalities needed to catalyze technical assistance through the Santiago Network for Loss and Damage are finalized in a deliberate manner.

**Mr. President,**

Developed countries must provide adequate and predictable means of implementation including Finance, Technology and Capacity building to the developing countries on an urgent basis.

Finance remains the key to achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Developed countries must urgently fulfil their commitment to jointly mobilize 100 billion dollars per annum as climate finance for developing countries by 2020 to rebuild trust.

On New Collective Quantified Goal, the G77 and China demands that in-depth deliberations on the quantum of the new goal, as well as its timeline, should commence in a timely and systematic manner.

**Mr. President,**

For developing countries, adaptation is a crucial priority.

COP-27 must achieve significant progress on expediting access to finance for advancing the formulation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans.

Lack of progress on the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on Global Goal on Adaptation is a concern for the Group.

We expect that COP 27, through a substantive decision, provide guidance on organizing the second half of the work programme in a manner that the objectives set out in Decision 7/CMA.3 are achieved.

It is also imperative that developed countries should provide a quantitative and time-bound delivery and tracking plan on the pledged doubling of adaptation finance from 2019 levels by 2025.

To conclude, Mr. President, let us all pledge to collectively work towards leaving a better planet for the coming generations.

**I thank you.**