



**STATEMENT OF THE INDIA DELEGATION AT THE FIRST MEETING OF
THE OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUP FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
STRATEGIC PLAN ON TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT AND CAPACITY BUILDING-
AT UNITED NATIONS ON 25TH JUNE 2004**

Mr. President ,

Thank you Mr President for giving this opportunity to present my delegation's viewpoint in this important Meeting .But before doing so ,I would like to compliment you ,Sir, for so ably steering today's deliberations .

We fully associate ourselves with the Statement made by Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77.However even at the risk of repeating some the points already made by the honourable delegations , I would like to highlight some of the aspects , in our national capacity, on the essentials required for the strategic plan under formulation .

India fully supports the view that the UNEP's role should be strengthened to promote and implement the transfer of technologies and capacity building for imparting scientific and technical support ,limited to the field of environment . The main driving goal for the developing nations is to achieve economic development at a faster pace without comprising with the environmental considerations , In this connection the developing countries need appropriate technological support and capacity building for compliance maintaining the environmental parameters in conformity with the RIO principles , namely ,the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities based on respective capabilities .The strategic plan should therefore offer a clear guidance for the road ahead and identify select technology initiatives and applications that offer the greatest value to the developing countries .

The inventory of existing capacity building and technology support activities of UNEP and other sister UN organisations need to be examined in advance before deciding the proposed strategic plan .My delegation would have been richly benefitted had a detailed presentation on this could have been arranged in today's meeting .We do hope that before the next meeting an account of this would be made available to all the delegations . In addition to UNEP, other organisations have been working in the area of technology transfer and capacity building for dealing with global environmental issues and these should taken into account . We do not support a total overhauling of the existing capacity building programme .Instead we like them to be strengthened .The strategic plan should aim at taking up additional programmes .Here in our view the biggest challenge stems from the observations made by the UNDP representative in the forenoon .The plan should first evolve the coordinating mechanism between all the sister UN Organisations to optimally utilise the existing infrastructure and avoid duplication of efforts .UNEP in this regard will have to necessarily apprise the Working Group about the plan it has drawn up.

Another important point we would like to submit, Sir, is that the strategic plan should be country driven and provide an overview of the current technology in use to tackle an environmental issues and specify the strategies , goals ,objectives and actions being taken by different countries .It should thus be an aggregation of the national assessments of the issues and technological and scientific support required based on the best options available . This would in turn help the countries to select the best cost effective option available to deal with a particular problem according to the overall priority . This would only make the plan truly country driven .

I once again thank you Mr President for affording this opportunity for presenting my delegations viewpoint on this important issue . In conclusion , my delegation is happy to note that considerable consensus has emerged in the meeting today making the finalisation of the plan a definite possibility in the coming meetings

Thank you

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