

**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY KENYA MISSION TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE SECOND  
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ASSEMBLY**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation is delighted to see you in the Chair. I assure you and members of your bureau of our support.

Kenya associates with the statements delivered by South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Sierra Leone on behalf of Africa.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The recent adoption of the Post 2015 development agenda by our heads of State and Government was indeed a significant milestone. I am convinced it will help shape the course of sustainable development for the coming decade and beyond.

This session has a responsibility of laying down the foundation and framework of designing a follow up mechanism for the major conferences and summits held since the just ended 69<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly. I believe it will also set the stage for the implementation of important commitments by putting in place appropriate modalities as defined by outcomes of the preceding conferences I have cited.

My delegation notes with appreciation the major role played by this committee and more specifically, the inputs that have greatly influenced the outcomes in the documents adopted during the last session. We are pleased that most of the agenda items on the calendar for this session will complement further the implementation of the new Agenda.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We are gratified that the new agenda identifies eradication of poverty in all its aspects everywhere as the overarching theme. Nevertheless, addressing poverty and its twin challenge of inequality continue to elude many developing countries. Kenya and I believe, many other middle income countries are concerned that 70 percent of the people living in poverty reside in middle income countries. We therefore welcome the inclusion of the discussions of the challenges facing countries in special situations. They include; African Countries, Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, Small Island Developing States and Middle Income Countries.

My delegation notes that rising debt level, especially for developing countries and the resultant situation of national debt unsustainability should be reversed. This challenge is compounded further by the fact that middle income countries are not eligible for debt relief under the High Indebted Poor Country (HIPC) Initiative. Kenya like many low middle income countries are weaned of concession support before they are ready to stand on their own. The rate at which external support drops exceeds the rate at which resource mobilization initially rises. Beneficiaries lose access to grants at a faster rate than the rate at which they gain access to soft loans from bilateral and multilateral resources.

It is against this background that the debt situation should be discussed. We are convinced that without such conversations efforts to achieve sustainable development will be greatly undermined. My delegation remains seized and focused to continue with the discussions to establish a mechanism for debt restructuring. We believe this would ensure that countries afflicted with debt have a predictable mechanism to restructure and reschedule their debts.

We hope that all the interested parties will continue working together towards a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring. It would increase the efficiency, stability and predictability of the international financial system and at the same time achieve sustainable development in accordance with national circumstances and priorities.

**Mr. Chairman,**

It is our conviction that technology has a very important role to play in supporting sustainable development especially, for developing countries. We welcome the conclusion of the discussions on the development of a technology facilitation mechanism within the context of the post 2015 development agenda as required by resolution 68/310. We look forward to the development of required modalities for a UN platform on a technology facilitation mechanism as called for by the Financing for Development outcome document. We believe it would ensure transfer of appropriate and affordable technologies, and that the technology uptake by developing countries is improved.

My delegation is gravely concerned with the effects of climate change. If we do not address the threat it poses, it will erode the gains made in meeting some of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In this regard, we believe the Conference

of Parties on climate change due to be held in Paris in December, will be key as part of the process to complement other outcomes defining sustainable development. My delegation looks forward towards an ambitious and comprehensive agreement which will offer a lasting solution to the problem of climate change. It should be addressed conclusively in order to consolidate the gains made including on eradication of poverty.

Finally Mr. Chairman, my delegation looks forward to fruitful deliberations on items on our programme most of which I believe, are in line with the implementation of our newly adopted development Agenda.

I Thank you for your attention.