

Intervention by Sri Lanka at the Fourth Session (the joint session with the FFD track) of the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda;

Technology facilitation mechanism, and other science, technology and innovation issues

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Distinguished co-facilitators,

Thank you for convening this session on the technology facilitation mechanism and other science, technology and innovation issues. I also wish to thank the distinguished co-moderators of the General Assembly structured dialogues on possible arrangements for a technology facilitation mechanism, for their succinct briefing.

We associate ourselves with the statement made by the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

We strongly believe in the importance of technology, science and innovation in achieving sustainable development, transforming the lives of billions of people on earth. Lack of adequate technology infrastructure remarkably hinders the economic growth of developing countries, such as ours.

The Rio+20 Outcome Document *The Future We Want* too highlights the pivotal role played by technological cooperation for the achievement of sustainable development.

We are of the view that a facilitation mechanism that promotes the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies, which takes in to consideration the technology needs of developing countries, as was warranted by *The Future We Want* is imperative for achieving sustainable development. It should be noted that the call for such a mechanism is one of the most important decisions originating from Rio+20.

In this context, we believe that technology must be an integral part of the means of implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. If one is to expect perceptible results from the processes of Financing for Development and post-2015 development agenda, a vigorous technology facilitation mechanism must constitute the core of the means of implementation of the agenda.

Therefore, we strongly call for the establishment of a technology transfer mechanism that would energize the means of implementation of the global development agenda beyond 2015.

We wish to highlight that the recommendations of the General Assembly structured dialogues on possible arrangements for a technology facilitation mechanism to promote the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies provide the necessary guidelines to form such a technology transfer mechanism.

I thank you.