

**Sri Lanka Statement**

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**Item 170: Observer status for the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan**

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Sri Lanka associates itself with the statement made by the Peoples Republic of China and is happy to join other member states in co-sponsoring this resolution.

The International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) was established as an autonomous non-profit inter-governmental international organization in 1997 and Sri Lanka joined INBAR in the year 2000. Bamboo and Rattan are the two most important non timber forests products in Asia. In Sri Lanka bamboo resources support household economies as they are the raw materials used for cottage handicraft industry, housing and construction purposes and they provide income for rural families.

The work of INBAR helps implement a range of Sustainable Development Goals.