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**POSITION OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA ON THE POSSIBILITY  
OF HOLDING A HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT\***

1. The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Members States of the Group of 77 and China, in the Declaration issued on the occasion of their Thirty-Second Annual Meeting, held in New York on 26 September 2008, “welcomed the offer made by the Government of Brazil to host in 2012 a World Summit on Sustainable Development to review the 20-year progress achieved in the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, on 3-14 June 1992, including the Wo -1. gsgon Sus-on J0.0001 T3 0.3599 Tw 17.2694 Td(e M3-)t

e) A 2012 conference would secure renewed political commitment and support for sustainable development;

f) A 2012 conference would reiterate the centrality of the Rio Declaration on Development and Environment, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities;

g) A preparatory process, including modalities for negotiations, should be decided upon by the General Assembly at its 64<sup>th</sup> session, taking adequately into account the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development with a view to avoiding duplication of work;

4. In conclusion, the Group of 77 and China reiterates its support to the offer of the Government of Brazil to host the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012.

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