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**Statement by Ambassador Li Baodong at Ministerial Dialogue of the
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Mr. Chairman,

The 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development will be yet another important meeting in the field of sustainable development after the 1992 Rio Conference on Environment and Development. At present, the interwoven challenges of the financial crisis, climate change, natural disasters, energy security, food crisis and geopolitical problems have made it more difficult for developing countries to achieve the MDGs. Against this background, Rio+20 will provide an important opportunity for the international community to strengthen and improve global governance, and chart the course for sustainable development in the future. China hopes that Rio+20 will achieve the following results:

First, increase political will and promote the global sustainable development process. Although two decades have passed, the objectives and principles of the Rio Conference remain relevant. The principle of “common but differentiated responsibilities” must be upheld, and the global determination to pursue sustainable development should not be shaken. Rio+20 should carry forward the Rio spirit, take stock of the progress and gaps in implementation over the past 20 years, set forth a future-oriented program of action and inject new impetus to global sustainable development.

Second, identify the means of implementation and strengthen coordination. Over the years, lack of means of implementation such as funding and technologies has greatly impaired the capacity of developing countries to achieve sustainable development. Developed countries should deliver on their ODA commitments, and provide developing countries with more support by offering adequate, stable and predictable funding as well as advanced, preferential and environmentally-friendly technologies. Countries need to strike a balance among economic growth, social progress and environmental protection, push for synergy among all

stakeholders such as the government, the business community and the civil society, and implement integrated strategies for sustainable development.

Third, develop green economy to bolster sustainable development. Green economy is an important instrument for achieving sustainable development. Countries differ in resource endowment and development levels. It is imperative to respect the path for developing green economy chosen by each government on the basis of the country's national conditions. There should not be a unified standard or criteria. The international community should take full account of the prices paid by developing countries in their transition to green economy and the risks and challenges they have to face. Preferential conditions should be offered to developing countries in terms of market access, investment and subsidy policies and intellectual property rights. Green economy should not be used as an excuse to attach new conditions to trade, investment and development assistance.

Fourth, build on existing mechanisms and improve the institutional framework for sustainable development. It is necessary to focus on strengthening the roles of the CSD and UNEP, enhance the coordination and cooperation among UN organs and agencies in the economic, social and environmental fields, make full use of the resources and strengths of the existing mechanisms, harmonize the process of policy making, field operations, as well as monitoring and review, and push for better coordination and implementation at the international, regional and national levels.

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese government attaches great importance to Rio+20 and its preparatory work. A Chinese preparatory committee has been established, which is composed of government departments and scientific and research institutions. To show its support for the Conference, the Chinese government has decided to donate 500,000 dollars to the CSD trust fund, to be used for supporting the participation of LDCs delegates in the conference and recruiting experts. China will continue to work with other parties to turn the conference into another important milestone of global sustainable development endeavors.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.