



**REPUBLIC OF KOREA**  
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose, herewith, the views requested in paragraph 5 of GA Resolution 63/212 on the "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development," on the possibility of convening a high-level event on sustainable development.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

*Enclosed: as stated*

Secretariat of the  
United Nations  
New York



**ROK Views on the**  
**“Possibility of convening a high-level event on sustainable**  
**development” submitted per para. 5 of GA Resolution 63/212**

The Republic of Korea supports convening a world summit on sustainable development in 2012. The summit will offer an opportunity to review the progress made in implementing Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

The world summit will hopefully provide the political momentum needed to advance the global sustainable development agenda. This momentum is vital considering the impact that the global economic slowdown has had on the international community.

The year 2012 is symbolically important because it will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark Earth Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. 2012 also is the year to prepare for the launch of the Post-2012 climate regime. Furthermore, a mid-term review of the CSD work and the progress made in achieving the MDGs will provide an important opportunity for the international community to reaffirm its commitment to pushing forward the global sustainable development agenda and to reducing world hunger and poverty, among others.

Korea also believes that to achieve sustainable development, it is important for the international community to adopt a paradigm shift towards ‘low carbon green growth’ and the 2012 summit will provide an arena for UN Member States to discuss concrete means for implementing low carbon green growth policies. [END]