

Statement

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On

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement just made by the distinguished representative of the Republic of Korea.

The Global Green Growth Institute was founded in June 2010 and has been supporting many countries pursuing green growth development path compatible to global goal of ensuring long-term environmental sustainability. As clearly indicated in the Institution's declared vision and mission, its main aim is to support emerging and developing countries in their efforts to develop and implement national and local-level strategies and policies, and put in place institutional mechanisms for green growth that integrate objectives for poverty reduction, job creation, social development and environmental sustainability thereby providing political momentum and mobilize international support for green growth.

Mr. Chairman,

Since its establishment, the Agreement that set up the institution has been signed by twenty countries as of October this year, out of which 14 have already ratified it, including my country. From Ethiopia's experience, as the vision and mission of the Institute are compatible and in conformity with Ethiopia's green growth strategy, we believe that it will play an important role in our sustainable development endeavors. The Institute's professionals have contributed significantly when we design our Climate Resilience Green Economic Strategy. Moreover, the Institution has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ethiopian Development and Research Institute and is assisting the implementation of the strategy. For this purpose, the Institute has established a country office in Ethiopia, since its scale of operations warrant a permanent presence.

Mr. Chairman,

Recognizing the critical role that it can play in Africa to develop and implement green growth strategy, Ethiopia is working together with the Institute to launch in Addis Ababa its Regional

Office for Africa. The activities to establish the Regional Office are presently being carried out and my Government will continue to extend its assistance to expedite the process.

Mr. Chairman,

As the Institution is an intergovernmental organization whose activities are clearly of great interest to the General Assembly, and are fully compatible with the purposes and principles of the United Nations, my Government fully supports and in favor of the request for observer status of the Global Green Growth Institute. We would also like to seize this opportunity to call upon other member states to provide positive support to the Institute's request to obtain observer status so that it will be in a much better position to effectively contribute to the work of several bodies of the United Nations involved in the field of development, in particular the ECOSOC, which is one of the principal organs of the United Nations.

Finally, my delegation supports the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/68/L.8, introduced by the Republic of Korea on this matter

Thank you.