



Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Arindam Bagchi, Permanent Representative of India to UN, Geneva at the Ministerial Meeting of Group of 77 and China UNCTAD XVI, Geneva, 20 October 2025

Secretary General of UNCTAD, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Our compliments to the Secretary General for the organization of UNCTAD16. And congratulation to the Ambassador of Peru for his tireless leadership of the Geneva Chapter of G77.

Excellencies,

The world is facing increasing uncertainties, that particularly impact the Global South. Environmental challenges remain unaddressed. Conflicts are impacting our food, fertilizer and energy security. Even our aspirations and expectations are under challenge. Faith in multilateral solutions is being eroded. International bodies are not able, or not being allowed, to function effectively.

In this context, allow me to articulate some principles that should guide our approach to these turbulent times:

- Promote fair and transparent economic practices that democratize production and enhance economic security.
- Develop resilient, reliable, and diversified supply chains that avoid excessive dependence on any single source or destination.
- Support an environment that fosters balanced and sustainable economic engagement, including through increased South-South collaboration, and the urgent resolution of conflicts.
- Harness technology for development, with a strong focus on building digital public infrastructure.
- Work towards a fair and equitable international system that recognizes and addresses the development concerns of the Global South, and
- Stand united against terrorism, including cross-border terrorism, as a common threat that demands stronger international cooperation.

Therefore, my delegation proposes the following for your collective consideration:

First, let us leverage UNCTAD to deepen consultations among Global South and foster solidarity and partnership.

Secondly, explore the transformative potential of emerging technologies, particularly AI, for trade and development.

And lastly, re-establish UNCTAD as focal point within the UN for integrated treatment of all trade and related development issues.

To conclude, I would like to reassure India's support and commitment to the Group of 77 towards advancing the common interest of the Global South.

Thank you.

