

## Group of 77 Delivers Statement at the Plenary of the 196<sup>th</sup> UNESCO Executive Board



G77 Chairperson, Philippine Ambassador and Permanent Delegate Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro, delivers the joint statement at the Plenary of the 196<sup>th</sup> UNESCO Executive Board

14 April 2015 –Philippine Ambassador and Permanent Delegate Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro delivered a statement at the Plenary of the 196<sup>th</sup> session of the UNESCO Executive Board (EB) at UNESCO Headquarters, in her capacity as Chairperson of the Paris Chapter of the Group of 77.

In her statement, Ambassador Lazaro conveyed the G-77's support for UNESCO's important work across all its sectors. "More than ever, the demands on UNESCO are increasing as we witness the rise of violent extremism and conflicts, widening inequalities, and global challenges such as natural disasters and climate change" she stated.

The statement encouraged Member States to adopt a constructive and forward-looking approach to strengthen the institution and improve UNESCO's efficiency in light of the budgetary challenges faced by the organization.