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Jairam Ramesh will not have a final say.

The contentious issue of how counties have been arguing for several years that their emissions were far lower, thus avoiding efforts to cap them on climate change, was discussed at the Durban conference. Mr Ramesh explained that it was time for everyone to stop interpreting Cancun and start implementing it. He said unlike the Cancun conference, the Durban meeting was being held in the backdrop of two important agreements that had been reached at Copenhagen, the last year for emission cuts.

But this does not mean that we should not negotiate, we should not discuss or exchange views on climate change,” he said.

Speaking before a large gathering of international officials, he further explained that it was time for everyone to stop interpreting Cancun and start implementing it. He said unlike the Cancun conference, the Durban meeting was being held in the backdrop of two important agreements that had been reached at Copenhagen, the last year for emission cuts.

The Nagoya meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) saw unprecedented support for the convention on climate change, which would play an active role in implementing the policies drafted by the CBD.

If you ask me from the political point of view it was an achievement. Cancun was a disappointment, but from the political point of view it was an achievement. Cancun should be seen as a template of how international agreements will be signed in the future.