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Dear Colleagues,

The Adaptation Committee, at its 5th meeting (5–7 March 2014, Bonn, Germany), discussed possible ways through which it could interact with the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) and further assist Parties in their efforts to develop the draft text of the new agreement as laid down in decision 1/CP.17, guided by advancing the Durban Platform as stipulated by decision 2/CP.18 and recently reconfirmed in decision 1/CP.19.

We strongly believe that work of the Adaptation Committee might be instrumental in providing Parties with information and constructive suggestions to help negotiators in taking well informed decisions as well as in improving the efficiency of ADP work as a result of avoiding a duplication of discussions.

The main objective of the Adaptation Committee is to provide overall leadership in enhancing adaptation action, including through international cooperation in developing countries. The Adaptation Committee decided to create several subgroups tasked with preparing and managing the Adaptation Committee's activities in the coming year, according to the work plan approved by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session.

Particular attention has been put on the issue of strengthening National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and support for developing countries in implementing adaptation action. We strongly believe that progress in this field will help tackle possible difficulties in elaborating adaptation-related elements of the Paris outcome.

It is of paramount significance to develop strong working linkages between all levels – global, regional and national, so the synergy and coherence of action is well secured. In this context, we invite you to make use of the recent Adaptation Committee report on the State of Adaptation under the Convention, and the Adaptation Committee's information papers on:

- Current experiences on means to incentivise the implementation of adaptation action;
- Strengthening the understanding of the roles of regional institutions and United Nations agencies in supporting enhanced adaptation actions in developing countries;
- Possible cooperation in order to reduce duplication of actions, address gaps and strengthen synergies.¹

¹ The information papers are available at <unfccc.int/8012>.



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We are also pleased to inform you that the Adaptation Committee is planning to hold the second Adaptation Forum in conjunction with this year's Asia Pacific Adaptation Network's conference in Kuala Lumpur, and back to back with the 6th meeting of the Adaptation Committee (28-30 September). We sincerely hope that your schedules will permit you to participate in the Forum.

The Adaptation Committee stands ready to assist you and all Parties in your historical task.

Looking forward to a fruitful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by)

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