

COP20, December 2014: FINAL EIG opening statement

Mr. Co-Chairs,

This statement is made on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, the EIG, comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

- The EIG countries have come to Lima to take substantial decisions on the climate agreement from 2020. Here in Lima, we must capture the key elements of the 2015 agreement in all relevant areas to address climate challenge: mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation.
 - The EIG is encouraged by the early announcements of the quantifiable targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by China, the European Union, and the United States. I am also pleased to confirm, that all the EIG Parties are sincerely engaged in domestic preparations of their corresponding INDCs and are strongly committed to their timely communication ahead of COP21 as well as the accompanying up front information.
 - The EIG is further encouraged by the very ambitious contributions to the Green Climate Fund of many Parties in the position to do so, including the EIG countries. We consider this as a very positive signal to underline that with political will the international community can come together and decide on elements that support a low emissions and resilient development pathway to our societies.

The EIG has come to Lima to build on these clear indications for global action and cooperation and to send a clear signal to private sector and stakeholders that an effective, fair and legally binding agreement will be adopted in Paris next year.

A key element for the 2015 agreement is differentiation. Differentiation is a tool to reflect different realities and circumstances with regard to equity, responsibility and capacity; to ensure fairness; and to stimulate ambition. The EIG takes the

view, that for fair differentiation, self-determination is essential and needs to be complemented by guiding elements. Such guiding elements of differentiation and flexibility can be reflected in the 2015 agreement, COP decisions, or complementary assurances. The EIG is looking forward to engage with others on these issues.

- The EIG has further come to Lima to define the up front information to be submitted by all Parties together with their INDCs and on the modalities of the INDC process starting next year. The EIG countries support a multilateral process on the INDCs starting from the first quarter 2015 and accommodation all Parties and their circumstances. Such a multilateral process should be facilitative, non intrusive, non punitive where all Parties share information on the underlying effort of their INDCs and their considerations on equity, fairness and CBDR/RC regarding their INDC in view of the 2 degrees goal. Such a process will demonstrate that each Party's INDC is part of a collective, global effort to combat climate change. In short: the process should allow for clarification, compilation, calibration with what is needed to achieve the 2 degrees objective, and set the basis for cooperation to close a possible gap. It will build trust in the run up to Paris and set a good basis to consider enhanced action through international cooperative initiatives.
- The EIG takes the view that it is important to ensure that the up front information and multilateral process assure clear, transparent and understandable mitigation commitments.
- Likewise, the EIG provides high relevance to action on adaptation to ensure a transition towards a climate resilient planet. Thus, we consider that a bottom up approach may also be beneficial around adaptation commitments - however, following different time lines, and the follow-up to the submission of national development strategies and plans would have to be adaptation type specific. The EIG therefore sees a benefit in outlining also, here in Lima, a specific bottom-up approach with regard to adaptation.
- As a third element, the ADP must advance international collaboration up to 2020 on the global ambition gap. Here in Lima, we must define continued robust work to identify options to enhance global mitigation ambition. We must grasp the positive signals of the UN Climate Summit and strengthen collaboration on opportunities and international initiatives.

Mr Co-Chair, let me finally, thank you for the issued draft decision text as well as the non-paper on elements of the 2015 agreement. The EIG supports your approach in organizing our work and is ready to work on the basis of the issued draft texts.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair.