

Umbrella Group –
ADP Opening Statement

Co-Chairs,

I have the privilege to speak on behalf of the Umbrella Group of countries: Canada, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the United States and Australia.

Umbrella Group countries are determined to successfully adopt an ambitious new global climate change agreement, applicable to all, in Paris.

We are committed to implementing our commitments up to 2020. We will also explore cooperative ways to enhance practical climate action, including by working with business, civil society and others.

We recognise the significance of this meeting in paving the way for success in Paris.

Here in Lima, we must deliver a COP decision that provides the clear guidance countries need to communicate their intended nationally determined contributions toward mitigating climate change well in advance of Paris.

Transparent, understandable and quantifiable emission reduction efforts are critical to building collective confidence and understanding how we are tracking globally. We must have guidance on this ahead of the agreed timetable for tabling INDCs.

Here in Lima, we must also further elaborate the elements for a draft negotiating text. Elements that are balanced, concise and based on areas of convergence will serve as a guide when we move into formal negotiations on the agreement text next year. Significant work will be needed to achieve this. Umbrella Group countries will be offering our suggestions on how to bring the current version of your non-paper in line with these objectives.

We recognise the political priority for the Paris agreement to address mitigation, adaptation and support. But doing so will require addressing each issue according to its unique characteristics, while ensuring that the agreement remains focused on enhancing mitigation ambition and achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention.

Umbrella Group countries also emphasise the importance of developing a common transparency and accountability framework to support the agreement, including rules for the land sector and markets.

We must keep an overall view of the structure of the agreement, and identify which elements will need to be constant and durable, and which are dynamic and therefore are better dealt with through evolving decisions.

For this reason, it is essential that we do not splinter our discussions into fragmented workstreams, but ensure our mode of work lets us bring the structure and form of the elements non-papear together in a coherent way. Here in Lima, we want to have periodic opportunities to come together as a group between parallel elements discussions for this reason.

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The ADP has done important practical work over the last year on enhancing pre2020 mitigation ambition. The value of the technical meetings has been widely acknowledged, as has the value of a cooperative approach that involves a broad set of actors from international and regional organisations, sub-national entities and the private sector.

Umbrella Group countries strongly support this work and want to see it continue. Here in Lima, we seek a decision that will do just that. We do not see it being helpful to shift the focus of this workstream from cooperative collaboration, towards an implementation review that duplicates processes already happening elsewhere under the UNFCCC.

Co-Chairs,

There is much to do. And we are ever mindful of how short our time is. We are confident in your leadership, and assure you, and all Parties, of our commitment to securing strong ADP outcomes here in Lima.