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Dear Co-Chairs, Distinguished Colleagues, Dear Friends,

This statement is made on behalf of the European Union and its 28 Member States.

We would like to welcome the new Co-Chairs. We endorse the approach outlined by them in their scenario note – in particular on the need to work towards a comprehensive, and streamlined negotiating text by the end of this week. We expect the Co-Chairs to guide and lead us towards that outcome and they have the full support of the EU to do so.

We have come to Geneva with a clear objective of working towards adopting a legally binding agreement at COP 21 that is capable of keeping us collectively on track to achieve the below 2°C objective. In that context it is important that we make progress this week on several issues, and on four issues in particular. Firstly, on how to ensure dynamism in the 2015 Agreement through the regular review of mitigation ambition. Secondly, how the 2015 Agreement will deliver transparency and accountability of Parties' against the mitigation commitments they will make in Paris. Thirdly ensuring that the 2015 Agreement delivers climate resilience through effective adaptation, and to further consider how the post 2020 regime will provide climate finance to those countries in need. We welcome in particular the initial capitalisation of the Green Climate Fund. Finally progress has to be made also towards enhancing mitigation before 2020.

It is critically important for all Parties to come forward with ambitious INDCs. The EU will come forward with its INDC in the first quarter of this year. We would expect at least all major and emerging economies to do so as well. The EU and its Member States are providing financial and technical support to countries that need help in preparing their INDCs, and will continue to do so.

Lastly, we would like to welcome the progress for ratification of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol and to inform that ratification is well underway in the EU and its 28 Member States. All relevant European legislation is in place to ensure we achieve our emissions reduction target under the Doha Amendment, and we are on track to do so. We look forward, in Paris, to the formal adoption of the reporting rules, which are essential for an effective and efficient implementation of the second commitment period.