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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES

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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.

As this week represents the last time that we will formally meet before Lima, it is crucial that we work to make progress so as to advance key areas in preparation for a successful outcome at COP 20.

We have set out our priority areas in our recent ADP submissions.

Firstly it is essential that we make progress towards agreeing the decision on intended nationally determined contributions, to be adopted in Lima. We have a clear mandate on this from Warsaw. Given that we expect all Parties that are ready to do so – including all major and emerging economies – to come forward by the first quarter of 2015 with their INDCs, adopting a decision in Lima that ensures transparent, quantifiable, comparable and ambitious mitigation commitments is essential. The decision should also provide for an international process before COP 21 to consider and analyse the INDCs presented by Parties in order to take stock of the aggregate level of ambition in relation to the below 2°C objective as well as to allow Parties to present the ambition and fairness of their contributions. We would also like to consider the ideas of some Parties on using the pre COP 21 process to facilitate Parties coming forward with INDCs. We should aim to have agreed this decision by time we leave Bonn, working from the co-Chairs' draft as a basis. We have provided some comments on that text in our recent ADP submission.

Secondly we must make progress towards further defining and clarifying the elements of the 2015 Agreement, with a view to adopting a draft elements text in Lima. With only a few months remaining before a full negotiating text needs to be tabled, Lima is a critical step. Our mandate is to agree a draft elements text at COP 20 and we must stick to that – we do not agree with those who suggest otherwise.

The following four areas of the 2015 Agreement need to have a particular focus in this session:

- 1) The role of INDCs in operationalising differentiation
- 2) The MRV, accounting and compliance rules base – in particular which rules need to be agreed by COP 21 to allow the finalisation of mitigation commitments by all Parties in Paris
- 3) A cycle for regularly strengthening mitigation ambition by all Parties after 2020

- 4) What to include in the 2015 Agreement and accompanying decisions in relation to adaptation and support, building on existing institutions and processes. We have set out some ideas on these areas in our submission and we would like to exchange on these with other Parties.

We welcome the co-Chairs' elements non-paper as a useful attempt to capture the views expressed by Parties. However in our submission we have highlighted that there are a number of aspects where we consider the EU position is not well reflected. We also consider that it is essential that during this session the options on key elements of the 2015 Agreement are rationalised to move to a simpler and more concise document. We also need to move towards identifying those issues on which Ministerial guidance will be needed to agree the elements text in Lima. In that context the recent submissions from various Parties serve as useful input.

Thirdly we need to continue to make progress on increasing pre-2020 mitigation ambition of all Parties in order to adopt a decision on this in Lima. It was encouraging that a large number of countries, private sector entities and other organisations came together at the UN Secretary General's Climate Summit to launch initiatives to reduce emissions in the pre-2020 period. We should build on this momentum and find effective ways to move forward in 2015 and beyond. Discussions in June and recent submissions from Parties raised a number of ideas, on how to make the workstream 2 process more efficient and effective, and to drive practical outcomes. We should use these discussions as a basis to agree a Decision on WS2 here in Bonn. We also look forward to engaging in the technical expert meetings on non CO₂ greenhouse gases and carbon capture and storage.

In closing we welcome the desire of the incoming Peruvian COP Presidency to have an ambitious outcome at COP 20 that delivers tangible results and also sets us on a good path towards Paris. We have noted from recent meetings and submissions from Parties that there is the beginning of some convergence on key issues - and we should build on these to make progress towards agreeing the two draft decisions and to work towards a succinct and comprehensive elements text for Lima. We look forward to working with our negotiating partners this week to ensure that outcome.