

LMDC Opening Statement
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Co-Chairs, colleagues, good morning.

Ecuador has the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries in Climate Change.

We fully endorse the statement delivered by the Plurinational State of Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Co-Chairs

We are now at a critical juncture in the work of the ADP. While we are still 5 weeks away from meeting again in Lima at COP20 and 15 months away from COP21 in Paris, we only have 6 working days in this session here in Bonn this week. So little time, yet still so much to do.

As developing countries within whose borders live 4 out of every 5 of the world's poor who survive on less than \$2 a day, our countries are among those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change on our economies, our societies, and our sustainable development prospects for the future, as well as also being vulnerable to the adverse social and economic consequences of response measures. Hence, achieving a balanced, comprehensive, and ambitious outcome under the Convention in both Lima and Paris that moves us towards addressing climate change effectively is of great importance to us.

Like other Parties, we look forward to working with all Parties, with you Co-Chairs, and the incoming COP President Peru to ensure that Lima produces successful outcomes in line with the mandates coming from Durban and agreed tasks from Doha and Warsaw, and will build a good foundation for success in Paris on enhancing the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention. We expect, in particular, that significant progress will be made at this session in:

1. Fleshing out the elements for the draft negotiating text for the 2015 agreed outcome;
2. Identifying the information that Parties will provide when putting forward their contributions; and
3. Accelerating the implementation of the Bali outcomes to enhance the pre-2020 ambition on mitigation, adaptation, finance and technology under Workstream 2.

Our process in the ADP must be open, transparent, inclusive, and Party-driven, and built on the consensus under which negotiating texts are collectively constructed by Parties based on their inputs and submissions. We should formally negotiate with each other in the Contact Group format, rather than have informal bilateral dialogues between different Parties and groups of Parties.

In order to make progress in this session and achieve a successful outcome in Lima, the negotiations should be concentrated on the core tasks agreed by the Warsaw decision – elements and information – without overburdening our work by adding other issues outside the agreed tasks from Warsaw.

Co-Chairs,

We appreciate your work in putting together your non-paper on elements in which you have compiled Parties' views on the elements for the draft negotiating text of the 2015 agreed outcome in a bullet-point format. This non-paper can be a useful starting point for Parties to negotiate with each other in a formal and focused mode of work focusing on the six core elements in paragraph 5 of decision 1/CP.17. This will let us make substantial progress on the elements as rapidly as possible, keeping in mind that the views expressed by Parties as well as any conference room papers that Parties may have put forward remain on the table during such negotiations. The questions to be discussed must be on basis of the concrete and specific issues under the six core elements raised by Parties, rather than another round of 'open questions' to be set in a pick-and-choose approach. .

Advancing the work on further elaborating the elements should be the primary focus of the work of the ADP during the October 2014 Bonn session, and hence more time in the Contact Group should be allocated to the six core elements in a balanced and equal manner, avoiding a focus merely on mitigation. The elements are the key to a successful conclusion of the 2015 agreement.

Co-Chairs,

The preparation of INDCs is not an independent task, another workstream or additional process beyond the existing workstreams under the ADP process. The INDCs is not an end but a means to achieve the end to adopting the 2015 agreement. The provisions of the 2015 agreement should focus on enhanced actions for the implementation of the Convention after 2020 and should not be an INDCs agreement. Therefore, the INDCs should be discussed within the context of elements.

You have put forward for the consideration of Parties a draft decision on intended nationally determined contributions. We appreciate your efforts. However, we have to note that the draft decision is not a text from the Parties and it contains ideas and concepts that do not reflect any consensus arising from Party-driven negotiations.

Additionally, the document goes beyond the agreed task from Warsaw, which is only to identify the information that INDCs could contain. The theme of the draft outcome in Lima should be the INFORMATION that Parties will provide when putting forward their INDCs and not the INDCs themselves or other issues such as an ex-ante consideration process related to INDCs, which are totally outside the agreed task from Warsaw. The Warsaw decision does not provide for expanding the discussion with respect to information to issues such as ex ante or ex post consultation, assessment or review or for narrowing the scope of INDCs only to mitigation. These should be properly discussed during the negotiations on elements. We have already put forward a draft decision text as a conference room paper on the information. We are ready to engage in negotiations on information right away, and call on all Parties to focus on putting forward their own texts on information for direct Party-driven negotiations.

Co-Chairs,

On Workstream 2, we note that there have been some ideas and inputs coming from the TEMs since the March session. It is necessary to conclude on the possible further arrangements of the TEMs. What is sorely lacking in this paper in its treatment of TEMs is what the Convention stresses on "facilitation of access to and financing transfer of technology." Everything related to mitigation in the Convention is only related to technology development and transfer, of knowledge, processes and practices. This must be the focus of any work on mitigation and energy efficiency in the ADP.

However, the workplan on enhancing pre-2020 ambition does not merely include TEMs. There are other even more important issues relating to enhancing pre-2020 ambition that need to be discussed.

These include accelerating the implementation of the provision by developed countries of finance, technology and capacity building support to developing countries as part of the implementation of the Bali Action Plan outcome; the ratcheting up of mitigation ambition by Annex I Parties to at least 40% below 1990 level by 2020 through the Revisit Mechanism; and ensuring that the institutions and mechanisms that have already been set up under the Convention are made fully operational and effective in providing support to developing countries.

These key tasks have been set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Warsaw decision. The operationalization of these paragraphs is an integral and essential part of the workplan on pre-2020 ambition. There should be enough time allocated in this session to further our work on these paragraphs of Warsaw decision.

We want an outcome in Workstream 2 that results in real action on the ground to accelerate the implementation of these issues rather than causing further delay in actual implementation or further backsliding from commitments under the Convention. Your draft decision, Co-Chairs, falls short in this regard.

Hence, we look forward to Parties putting forward their own draft texts focusing on operationalization of paragraph 3 and 4 of the Warsaw decision and to engaging directly with Parties on that basis.

We will continue to work with you, Co-Chairs, through our active, constructive, progressive, and positive engagement and involvement in these negotiations

Thank you, Co-Chairs.