

PROYECTO DE INTERVENCIÓN DEL GRUPO DE INTEGRIDAD AMBIENTAL EN LA
SESIÓN DE APERTURA DE LA 20ª CONFERENCIA DE LAS PARTES DE LA
CONVENCIÓN MARCO DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS SOBRE EL CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO
Lima, Perú, 1 de diciembre de 2014

Thank you, Mr. President

I have the honor of delivering this statement on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, comprised by Liechtenstein, Monaco, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Mexico.

It is a pleasure to be in Peru, a land of great and unique cultural wealth and traditions. I wish to express our gratitude to the Peruvian government and people for their hospitality and for the arrangements made to hold this crucial conference in your country.

[Paragraph thanking Poland and congratulating Peru]

Mister President, the world is watching with interest and expectation that we will reach the necessary agreements in the coming two weeks.

We gather here after important milestones that took place this year:

- 1) The decisions of the Board of the Green Climate Fund that finally render it operative, and the important Pledging Conference which constitutes a telling message of commitment with the transformation towards a low carbón economy;
- 2) The report by the Global Commission on the New Climate Economy, which highlights the opportunities arising from combating climate change and proves that embarking on such a task far from opposing economic growth actually supports it;
- 3) The successful Climate Summit convened by the Secretary General which showcased the myriad of actions that are already taking place not only at the hands of national governments, but also by subnational governments, private sector, civil society and academia, among other actors.
- 4) The Social PreCOP that provided for a vital space to listen to representatives of some civil society organizations, about their vision and demands, including the very legitimate aspiration of regularizing their participation in the Convention.
- 5) The recent announcements by China, the European Union and the United States of America, which we welcome since they constitute unequivocal tokens of their decisión to commit to the collective effort to combat climate change.

- 6) And we have also seen a favorable evolution of our discussions under the Durban Platform, with proposals that denote the will to find solutions to the challenge posed by climate change.

The Environmental Integrity Group is willing to contribute substantively to:

- 1) Produce a draft of the new agreement that we will adopt next year;
- 2) Define with greater precision the tasks that we shall embark on during 2015 to better understand the collective result of our individual efforts;
- 3) Further advance our discussions and understanding under the subsidiary bodies of implementation and scientific and technical advice, including adaptation, framework for various approaches, participation of non governmental actors, and decision making, among others.
- 4) Engage in frank and constructive dialogue to make progress in all financial aspects, an issue that permeates the rest of our work and is addressed in various bodies under the Convention;
- 5) Roadtest the transparency schemes we have agreed upon, such as the processes of International Analysis and Consultation and International Assessment and Evaluation, in which members of our group will be evaluated;
- 6) Supervise the compliance with the current climate regime which includes the commitments under the Kyoto Protocol, as well as learn from its implementation to identify what needs to be further refined and improved. We have to recognize that technical questions with regard to the 1990 baseline remain open which are important for some Parties. These partners will not be able to ratify the amendment unless these issues are resolved. The EIG calls for a resolution of these issues here in Lima in line with the previous decisions.

[Paragraph on ratification of Doha Amendment by members of EIG]

- 7) In sum, strengthen the climate regime we have built in the last 20 years under the Convention to ensure that our efforts keep the average atmospheric temperature increase below the 1.5 or 2°C.

The Environmental Integrity Group renews its call to all Parties to act without delay to search for agreements, so that we fully enter a constructive period where we design inclusive, ambitious and realistic solutions under the general framework of human rights and gender equality, which guarantee the right to sustainable development and wellbeing for our and future generations.

Once again we gather in the región of Latin America and the Caribbean, to once again – I am sure – achieve significant progress towards the common purpose that convenes us: that of improving our sustainable development model based on low carbon emissions of greenhouse gases and increase the resilience to climate change.

Mister President, you can count on the Environmental Integrity Group to facilitate your delicate task.

Thank you.