



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA  
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GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF  
THE 20<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP20) OF THE  
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Excellencies,

Distinguished representatives,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group  
of 77 and China

1. Let me congratulate the incoming presidency of Peru and express our gratitude for the excellent hospitality of your country and government. You can count on the full support of our Group to secure the successful work of this conference. We wish to assure you that the Group is willing and ready to engage meaningfully with all Parties. Our support and assistance to the Presidency is reaffirmed.

2. May I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank and acknowledge the Government of Poland and the outgoing President for the wonderful role they played as President of COP19 and CMP9.

**Mr. President,**

3. The Fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC has confirmed that the warming of the climate system is unequivocal, and since the 1950s, many of the observed changes are unprecedented over decades to millennia. The atmosphere and ocean have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, sea level has risen, and the concentrations of greenhouse gases have increased.
4. Although commitments under the Convention have been there since the past 20 years, we are seeing backsliding, delays, and low levels of ambition on mitigation, adaptation support, finance, technology development and transfer and capacity building provision from developed countries. Fulfillment of their obligations under the Convention has been both too little and too

late on emission reductions, provision of finance, supporting technology development and transfer, building capacity. Developing countries, on the other hand, have stepped forward and taken the lead, with many announcing and implementing ambitious mitigation and adaptation actions by and large using their own scarce resources while at the same time seeking to improve their development prospects.

5. The Group of 77 and China reiterates that the urgency of the climate change situation requires that we accelerate the process and initiate more dynamic and interactive sessions. The Group is prepared to engage in negotiations with a constructive spirit, positive, dynamic and optimistic attitude to strive for a successful outcome of our work here in Lima.
  
6. We welcome the full operationalization of the Green Climate Fund and urgently call for the significant capitalization of The Convention's financial mechanism, with new, additional, adequate, sustained, accessible, and predictable funding. The Group also welcomes the initial pledges made to the Fund, though still insufficient and far from the commitment made by

developed countries to provide 100 billion USD per year in a timely manner.

7. The lack of Annex I ambition in the pre-2020 period, including KP commitments and the compliance with them, must also be part of the discussion. We have all agreed on the importance and the necessity for Annex I Parties to take the lead in addressing climate change. This requires that they raise their level of mitigation ambition, in particular through the obligation this year to revisit the level of ambition of QELROs under the Kyoto Protocol's Second Commitment Period, and through comparable efforts under the Convention by those Annex I Parties not participating in the Second Commitment Period.

**Mr. President,**

8. We call for a process of building consensus on the basis of the parties' inputs and proposals reiterating that the outputs of the process should reflect parties' proposals. To build consensus requires that parties interact in a negotiating process exchanging proposals and explaining the rationale behind them.

9. The Group underlines the importance of making substantial progress on elaboration of the elements for a drafting negotiating text, essential to the adoption of the 2015 agreement in Paris. The Group reiterates that the 2015 agreement must be under the Convention and based on its principles and provisions related to commitments and responsibilities with regard to mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation, in particular the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. The 2015 agreement should treat the elements of mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building and transparency of action and support in a balanced manner and on an equal footing. The provisions of the 2015 agreement should focus on enhanced action related to the six core elements.

10. The Group also looks forward to advance negotiations on the information of the intended nationally determined contributions. In doing so, the Group would like to reiterate that decision 1/CP.19 paragraph 2(d) urges developed countries, the

operating entities of the financial mechanism and other organizations to provide adequate support to allow for developing countries to undertake their domestic preparations for the intended nationally determined contributions and for submitting information thereon and for implementing their enhanced action after 2020.

**Mr. President,**

11. The Group reiterates that Intended Nationally Determined Contributions represent the effort each country is willing to make in the global effort to fight climate change and therefore must be seen in a balanced and comprehensive context pursuant to the mentioned relevant decisions in accordance with the principles and provisions of the convention. Developed country parties shall provide finance, technology development and transfer and capacity building support. Developing countries will require provision of adequate support for their domestic preparations of their intended nationally determined contributions and for submitting information thereon, as well as for the implementation of their enhanced action.

12. Attempts to redefine, rewrite, renegotiate or reinterpret the Convention and its principles and provisions will complicate and delay the process.

**Mr. President,**

13. The output of this COP should enhance the provision of financing, technology development and transfer, and capacity building by developed countries to developing countries, avoiding approaches that would make that provision voluntary and subject to the providers' policy control and where MRV is more extensive with respect to mitigation but weak with respect to finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity building.

14. We welcome the work of the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Country expert Group in regards to National Adaptation Plans this year and in preparation for this session. However, we wish to bring to the attention of the Presidency our concern over the slow progress and unclear path set up for

turning National Adaptation Plans from a recurring discussion to a reality implemented. Key issues need to be resolved and clarified at this session.

**Mr. President,**

15. We ask to pay special attention to the National Adaptation Plans to be turned into a reality- to avoid the a situation where the most vulnerable are being the first victims of the slow course of discussions.

16. Technology development and transfer will continue to be a key component for a successful outcome whether pre- or post-2020. Effective mitigation and adaptation actions by Parties will rely in many ways on access to technology, including the development of endogenous technologies by developing countries. COP agenda items that relate to technology should therefore focus on the objective of building up the Technology Mechanism and creating the institutional and policy conditions that would be conducive to supporting the rapid and effective transfer of



technologies to developing countries, helping them innovate and develop their own technologies.

17. We would like to see concrete enhanced actions on technology development and transfer to be accelerated and scaled up by the technology mechanism. In this regard, we believe it is crucial for the technology mechanism to strengthen its effective coordination with the financial mechanism, as well as to strengthen the system in coordination with the relevant organizations to remove barriers for the development and transfer of technology.

18. Any agreement without Equity and CBDR and RC is not in accordance with the Convention. An agreement that is mitigation focused and bottom-up for developed countries will result in developed countries emitting more than they should and will not effectively address climate change at all in the soonest time possible. Time is running out - the world cannot afford half-measures or half-commitments with respect to climate actions.

19. On the matters of the Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, the Group stresses the paramount need to make this mechanism functional. This mechanism must address the needs of developing countries suffering from extreme and slow-onset climate change induced events, and the urgency for this mechanism has only increased. We call for finalizing the organization and governance of the executive committee, the necessary arrangements including the financial mechanism, and the approval of a two year workplan that responds to the expectations of particularly vulnerable developing countries.
20. The Group is particularly concerned over the financing gap that exists, both for mitigation and adaptation in the pre 2020 period. We underline that recent IPCC reports affirm that global adaptation financial estimates are substantially greater than current adaptation funding and investment, particularly in developing countries, suggesting a funding gap and a growing adaptation deficit.

21. On Response Measures, the Group reaffirms the importance of giving full consideration to what actions are necessary to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the impacts of the implementation of response measures, in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Convention.

**Mr. President,**

22. We want to express our sincere support to your leadership and are confident that this COP will be guided towards success by your wisdom with the spirit of equity, transparency, inclusiveness through a party driven process.

**Thank you Mr. President.**