

Nepal

Statement by Nepal on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group

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Mr. President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries, the 48 poorest and most vulnerable countries which contribute least to the problem, yet suffer the most.

We would like to associate this statement with the statements delivered by Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, by Nauru on behalf of AOSIS and by Sudan on behalf of the Africa Group.

From the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election as the President of the 20th Conference of the Parties and 10th Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. Allow me also to take the opportunity to express my congratulations and sincere thanks *through* you, to the Government and people of Peru for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to us. We are equally thankful to the Secretariat for their untiring efforts and excellent work in arranging this conference.

Mr. President,

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time and represents an urgent and unalterable threat to human societies. The melting glaciers, changing rainfall patterns leading to landslides and flood in some areas and prolonged drought in others are increasingly posing threats to the lives and livelihoods of our people. The IPCC Fifth Assessment report confirmed with the general scientific consensus that the climate system, including the atmosphere and ocean, have warmed and sea levels have. Therefore our demand for limiting average temperature rise to 1.5 degree above the pre-industrial level is very relevant.

Mr. President,

As we advance our work on the post-2020 climate regime, it is therefore critical that the international community responds to the needs and priorities of the least developed countries. Lima is an opportunity for us to foster a real,

concrete and action-oriented global response to climate change, putting the world on a path towards a climate-resilient sustainable future without compromising the survival of a single nation or population. For this we expect all Parties to double efforts and show bold leadership and ambition on all aspects of the negotiations.

Mr. President,

The LDC Group wishes to express thanks for organising ministerial dialogues on climate finance and Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, which are critical issues for our countries. The recent pledges made to the Green Climate Fund are encouraging, yet insufficient. We furthermore urge Parties to scale up their contributions to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) as well.

Mr. President,

Further on NAPs, while we have initial guidelines for their formulation, there remains a great deal of uncertainty surrounding their implementation. In particular, we seek further clarity on the form of NAPs, mandate of various bodies supporting NAPs and their reporting.

Mr. President,

Turning to the CMP agenda, two years ago the CMP adopted the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol. The LDCs would now like once again to urge Parties to undertake three actions:

- First, we call on all Parties to speed up the ratification processes
- Second, we call on all developed country Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to fulfil their promises made in Doha to review their quantified emission limitation reduction objectives ~~and adjust their commitments to be in line with what is required by science;~~
- Third, the LDCs call for all Annex I Parties not participating in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to raise their level of mitigation ambition through comparable pledges.

Mr. President,

Finally, the LDCs are aware of the significant decrease in the price of carbon. We emphasize the necessity of exploring options to increase the price of carbon through the establishment of appropriate carbon price floors and improvements to the modalities and procedures of the CDM through the adoption of the revision document which is on the table.

Mr. President,

Before I conclude, allow me to commend you and further encourage your efforts to foster fair and openness and wide participation, by reaching out widely with different constituencies in your consultations. The Group would also like to assure you that we stand ready to support and work together with you in making the Lima COP a true success.

Thank you Mr. President.