

REMARKS BY MANUEL PULGAR-VIDAL COP 20/CMP 10 PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

to the COP 19/CMP 9 Bureau at its meeting on
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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to the Bureau. It is a pleasure for me to be here with you today in Bonn. Let me begin by saying that the Government of Peru is looking forward to welcoming you all to COP 20/CMP 10 in Lima later this year.

Peru is committed to organize COP20 – CMP10. We acknowledge your legitimate interests regarding the status of the preparations for the conference in Lima. The presence of both of us, the Minister and the Vice-minister reaffirms this commitment. Our preparations follow a precise plan which is being implemented and that the secretariat is aware of. Following that plan, the venue and all the necessary arrangements will be put in place.

I would like to share with you our political vision for COP20 – CMP10. There is a strong political commitment of the government of Peru at the highest level. Environmental issues and climate change are an important part of the agenda of President Humala. Because of that and because of our constructive participation in the negotiations, Peru can be a bridge to articulate the needed consensus.

For this challenge, Peru has organized five task forces: one on logistics and organization, a second team for the negotiations to support my role as President, third, a task force to establish strong links with civil society and the private sector, fourth, a team to consolidate the domestic agenda for climate change and to prepare our ambitious contributions this year, and fifth, a communications and knowledge management team.

We have clear objectives for Lima: First to have as outcome for Lima a draft text of the 2015 agreement. Second, to consolidate the financial mechanism of the Convention. Third, to consider launching a package on adaptation. And to achieve other important implementation deliverables, on issues such as REDD+, technology and Loss and Damage.

To achieve these objectives, some principles guide us. To start with, to recognize that we need to be guided by what we agreed in Durban: a process with clear mandates. As a consequence, we need to reaffirm our full support to the work and efforts of the co-chairs. Peru will work actively and closely with them to facilitate consensus. We share with many a sense of urgency. We are working based on past experience so that we will not repeat mistakes made earlier in the process.

We believe that we need to increase confidence among Parties in the process. For this, civil society and private sector play a central role, we need to continue involving them in the process. We have to follow developments in all fora, formal and informal, related to our discussions. We are committed to continue working very closely with the Polish and French Presidencies. Of course the secretariat support and advice are central.

To conclude, I want to reassure you that the Republic of Peru will honour its commitment to welcome you all to Lima and, at the same time, lead the negotiation process actively and constructively for a very substantive outcome at COP20/CMP 10.