

# KUWAIT Opening Statement, ADP 2-4

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Good Morning

The delegation of Kuwait fully supports and associates itself with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Arab League and the Philippines on behalf of LMDCs.

Mr Co-Chair

The ADP has gone through the half way of its process, with only less than two years to the 21st COP. As a matter of urgency, we should start the formal negotiation on the elaboration of the elements for a draft negotiating text in this March ADP session.

**YES Mr Co-Chair**, and as you reflected in your "Scenario note":

*"We have to continue to engage in this constructive spirit and propose to further deepen the candid conversation and dialogue on the various issues..."*. **However, it should not be open-ended consultation that reflect an informal mode of work**, it should be by the Parties in which the Parties negotiate with each other on the basis of such constructive spirit.

We concur ourselves with the notion that: "a formal and structured intergovernmental negotiations on the elements of the 2015 agreed outcome must start at this session of the ADP through the establishment by the ADP of a contact group for Work stream 1., and **only through such formal negotiations** , a negotiating text should be developed from a compilation transparently drawn from and attributed to Parties' textual submissions. "

On the issue of Elements of the ADP post 2020 outcome, Kuwait of the view that Elements, which are a manifestation of what been agreed in Bali and Durban as well as the Convention and KP, must be discussed first in a balanced and comprehensive manner **in order to be able to go forward in discussion of contributions and**

**preparations.** Principles and provisions of the Convention must be reflected in these elements. This especially include equity and CBDR.

We believe that the LMDC has made a detailed submission on Elements of the 2015 Agreed Outcome. Kuwait position on Elements is contained in that submission.

Mr Co-Chair

On Work stream 2 , we associate our self with the position of Arab Group that have been stated by Saudi Arabia.

Mr Co-Chair

On the issue of “Contributions”, we believe that this concept is not something new or special , it is just a diplomat word which means that each party should exert their efforts in combating and mitigating climate change. Actually, Article 4.2a refers to "Contributions" twice when describing the commitment of A1 Parties.

Moreover, Kuwait of the view with many others that "Contributions" refer to contributions by Parties with respect to the various elements, consistent with the provisions of the Convention (including Article 4 and annexes) and reflecting CBDR and equity. **It does not refer only to mitigation .**

Essentially, in order to be consistent with the Convention, “contributions” have to be understood in a differentiated manner that distinguishes between Annex 1 commitments and NA1 actions. Annex 1 parties will have economy-wide mitigation commitments (based on Article 4.2, linked to meeting the ultimate objective of the Convention, and sufficient to show they are taking the lead) and Annex 2 Parties will continue to have commitments to provide means of implementation (financing and technology under Article 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7) to developing

countries. Non-Annex 1 Parties would have contributions in relation to adaptation (including loss and damage), mitigation actions subject to provision of support from Annex 2 Parties, capacity building, implementation of relevant sustainable development actions (including food security). Non-Annex 1 actions will be "nationally determined" and their ambition levels depend on the extent of Annex 2 support.

Last but not least , "Nationally determined" cannot be totally open ended nor allow for an escape from Annex 1 parties' commitments.

Thank you co-Chair