Submission by TURKEY on Work stream 1 of ADP

Turkey welcomes the opportunity to present its views on the agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention to be negotiated through the Ad-hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP).

Turkey underlines the close linkage between climate change and sustainable development and inclusive growth. In this vein, Turkey fully supports the process and is committed to continue to actively participate in and contribute to the climate change negotiations in a constructive manner towards the establishment of a fair regime with a view to limiting global warming to below 2 degrees, keeping in mind that this will necessitate serious action by all countries.

Turkey believes that new agreed outcome would bring more effectiveness and coherence to the global regime. It must be applicable to all Parties with enhanced participation. Also the outcome which is expected to be reached by 2015 and come into effect after 2020 should also be inclusive, equitable and comprehensive.

The current regime which is based on the Annexes does not reflect the realities of today which are completely different from those of 1992. The decision taken in 1992 requires revision as many developing countries have made significant progress in its economic development, and reached a new level in terms of their existing capacity to respond to climate change and as new scientific parameters like human development index for the determination of welfare have been identified for the last two decades.

In this regard, differentiation of responsibilities and commitments ought to be formulated in an appropriate fashion. Therefore, a new mechanism should be devised whereby the countries are objectively evaluated in a dynamic manner according to their socio-economic indicators and emission figures. In this context, science-based indicators such as GDP, GDP per capita, Human Development Index, Per-capita Emissions vulnerability assessment etc. should be thought as some of the criteria to revise the current Annexes and to assess the national circumstances of the countries in order to implement the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities in a fair and equitable manner (IPCC should be given an opportunity to take active role).

“Inclusiveness” necessitates all contracting Parties to take commitments in accordance with their respective capabilities and national priorities. The agreed outcome should allow Parties to determine their own mitigation commitments taking their special circumstances, capacities and other relevant factors into consideration.

The new climate regime should also be flexible and allow the usage of both “bottom up” and “top down” approaches. In this respect, no Party should be compelled to commit mitigation
but each Party should decide their level of contribution as it deems realistic, scientifically possible and nationally appropriate.

The agreed outcome should contain all elements of climate change, namely mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity building and reporting.

On the other hand, to build confidence among Parties it is very crucial that the agreed outcome should be fair. Successful outcome should ensure not only the rise in the level of ambition to attain the goal of climate stabilization, but also the goal of social and economic development and poverty eradication.

The Scope of the 2015 Agreed Outcome

- Reduce emissions in line with the below 2 degree goal.
- A solution depends on a coordinated international response.
- The agreed outcome needs to be broad in scope and coverage, covering in principle 100% of global emissions.
- The agreed outcome containing all elements of climate change, namely mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity building and reporting.

Design Considerations for the 2015 Agreed Outcome

- It must be applicable to all Parties with enhanced participation.
- It must be flexible, robust, dynamic, practical and fair for all.
  - Flexible: It should be able to accommodate a range of efforts, giving countries flexibility to define their efforts in line with their diverse and changing national circumstances and capabilities
  - Fair: It creates confidence among the all countries which are contributing their fair share and its overall result promotes equity in a dynamic and changing world.
- The agreed outcome must reflect all realities of today. In this regard, differentiation of responsibilities and commitments ought to be formulated in an appropriate manner.
- In designing the new legal instrument, it is extremely important to take into consideration the changing circumstances as well as individual levels of development and economic conditions of all Parties. In this sense, new agreed outcome should be built on the principles of the Convention of which the common but differentiated responsibilities are coming first.
- The system could have a hybrid approach with commitments determined top down and bottom up.
- The new agreed outcome should incorporate a robust review, assessment and compliance system.