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Australia – statement on KP Rules

Presidency

Australia would like to join others in expressing our disappointment that parties have been unable to reach agreement so far on the remaining outstanding issue - concerning economies in transition - under this agenda item on the elaboration of rules under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol.

Mr President, the Kyoto Protocol remains an important instrument in support of our collective efforts to reach the ultimate objective of the Convention.

The implications of these Kyoto Protocol rules under discussion are far-reaching.

For example, in Australia's case, these rules have provided the framework that has governed domestic mitigation efforts since at least 2008.

At Doha, in 2012, Parties agreed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol.

Australia joined Parties from Europe in inscribing an emission reduction commitment for the second commitment period on the basis of those amendments.

It was a significant step for Australia to take.

And it was taken based on an understanding of the rules contained in Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol and of the amendments agreed in Doha.

Consequently, Australia has not been seeking clarification of any of these treaty amendments.

Mr President, the work already done here in Lima has been significant.

It is sufficient for us to advance our preparations for the implementation of the monitoring and reporting aspects of these Kyoto Protocol rules.

Nonetheless, Mr President, in relation to the remaining outstanding matter - concerning economies in transition - we join others in urging all parties to redouble their efforts to reach a successful conclusion.