

Statement for the CMP plenary (SBSTA Item 11a)

Mister President

- Switzerland is in the process of ratifying the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.
- The ratification procedure in Switzerland has now passed through one chamber of parliament and is scheduled to be completed in early 2015
- Not only are we about to ratify, in fact since 2013 we are already implementing the rules for the second commitment period, and we are already in the process of fulfilling our commitments
- We therefore strongly oppose any statements that imply a purposeful delay or conditionality to ratify, and further, call attention to the legitimate legal and technical difficulties faced by many countries who are also working to fulfill their commitments without yet having been able to adopt rules to guide them
- It has been a long and resource-intensive process to update reporting and accounting rules for the second commitment period, but in Lima we have finally finished, with only one outstanding issue
- Close to 90 pages of clean conclusions and decision text on the 5, 7, and 8 item and review guidelines, Mr. Chair, and 3 paragraphs together in brackets stand in our way.
- Switzerland takes this opportunity to urge the Parties in transition to a market economy, and other developing and developed countries engaged in this issue to ensure the environmental integrity of the system, to help us reach a decision resolving the carry-over issue here in Lima
- If the issue cannot be resolved here, standard procedure is to continue work on the issue in Bonn next year
- We believe that it is possible, either politically or procedurally, that only **the issue of use and transfer of the units from the previous period surplus reserve for economies in transition be moved to SBSTA 42,**
- The rest of the technical work can be adopted here.
- Further, if this or any other issue is of sufficient importance to a Party, they may decide to wait with their own ratification, but this should not introduce insecurity for others
- In Lima we have a historical opportunity and responsibility to reinforce the value of the Kyoto Protocol, the world's continuing legally binding climate agreement
- We need the technical guidance to be legally adopted this year, since next year we will be submitting our initial report for the second commitment period. Without adopted guidance the system is on very unstable ground.
- Mr. Chair, there is no reason that the completed technical guidance cannot contribute to the success of COP 20 by consolidating the commencement of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.
- Thank you Mr. President