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Distinguished Co-chairs and delegates,

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Clearly equity is the core of any future 2015 agreement under the ADP. Yet, thus far, the idea of intergenerational equity has not been discussed within the ADP. We are deeply surprised by this, since intergenerational equity is the first principle of the convention. Article 3.1 states that:

"The Parties should protect the climate system for the benefit of present and future generations of humankind, on the basis of equity".

Accordingly, we call upon parties to include the principle of Intergenerational Equity within the preamble of the 2015 agreement and make this the main conception. Accordingly, we call upon parties to organise a workshop at COP19 to discuss intergenerational equity and ways to operationalise the principle of intergenerational equity.

With the right actions; pre2020 ambition and much needed trust can be built. We urge parties who are on line to meet their targets to increase their ambition and their targets. The financial absurdity of fossil fuel subsidies must be phased out. But, this will need to be done in an appropriate fashion. We recommend that developed country parties agree to phase out all fossil fuel subsidies and developing member parties phase out production subsidies by 2020.

As youth we have a clear suggestion on how to institutionalise Intergenerational Equity within the ADP. This should be done through the establishment of an Arbiter which would oversee disputes between parties on the basis of the principles of the convention, review progress and implementation within the convention and act as Liaison with other international bodies such as the WTO to help arbitrate disputes related to the ADP outside of the UNFCCC.

Parties often speak about how to encourage civil society and youth participation. We have a clear recommendation on how to allow for youth to effectively engage and share our creativity and ideas. We must follow previous good examples of youth integration and therefore we urge all parties to adopt official youth representatives within national delegations.

Our aim is to promote youth participation and ensure transparent negotiations towards the 2015 agreement.;

Being youth we would like to make a cultural reference to the movie "Gladiator". Maximus once said that "What we do in life echoes through eternity".

What we do in the ADP will echo beyond these corridors. It will echo through time and generations. We are ready to stand with you and help you write a history that future generations can be proud of.

