

High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

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Thank you, Mr. President.

It is my great pleasure to join this dialogue, and add the voice of Korea to this rich discussion.

**[Balancing Act]**

Mr President,

In our collective efforts to strengthen global response to climate change, the 2015 agreement needs to provide **a comprehensive platform of action** with balanced approach.

There is no doubt we need to strengthen **mitigation** efforts of all parties in the new agreement to further advance the implementation of the Convention.

At the same time, **adaptation** should be also given its equal footing in the new agreement.

Mitigation alone will not be sufficient in our response to climate change, and we need a system which will facilitate our efforts to prepare our society for unavoidable changes to come.

For both mitigation and adaptation, **effective delivery of means of implementation** is also essential to facilitate actions by all parties under the new agreement.

**[Driving up contributions]**

Mr President,

The **intended nationally determined contributions** will be the **key drivers of action** in the new agreement.

Last year in Warsaw, we agreed on the notion of INDC to provide opportunities for all parties to design their contributions reflecting national circumstances.

This approach will help us broaden the base of agreement, and inspire decisive actions on the ground.

To accelerate domestic preparation, we should be clear on what we need to put on the table, and how we can collectively move forward.

Our decision this week would be critical in this regard to define the set of information to be presented upfront with the contributions.

Designing a **cyclic process of contributions with a clear sense of direction** will be the critical next step to assure we gradually drive up our ambition with new contributions on regular basis.

Guided by a **clear set of rules** on how the contributions will be implemented and accounted for, the process will help us generate confidence on delivering the agreement.

### **[Accelerating actions now]**

Mr President,

Scaling up actions before 2020 is a prerequisite for success in Paris.

All parties should accelerate the efforts to take early actions and unlock the potential.

The UN Climate Summit last September, and the Technical Expert Meetings of ADP have provided great opportunities to see how much untapped potential we have for immediate actions.

We also need to remember what we agreed in Doha for this period.

Korea has initiated a process for **ratification of Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol**, and we expect to deposit our instrument of acceptance **before Paris COP next year**.

We hope other Parties will join the efforts.

### **[Conclusion]**

Mr President,  
Fellow Ministers,  
Distinguished delegates,

Five year from Copenhagen, climate change is getting its way back on top of the global political agenda.

We must not lose this momentum and newly generated hope.

It is the responsibility of our generation to change course of the world for sustainable future.

Let us move away from division, and build bridges towards Paris and beyond.

Thank you.