

COP 21 Address by**The Right Honourable Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell****Mr Chairman,**

1. We are indeed at a historic and defining moment in this beautiful city, Paris.
2. A historic moment with the opportunity to save our planet and preserve life on earth for all its inhabitants and for generations to come
3. A defining moment to address the scourge of the impacts of climate change.
4. A moment to commit to a paradigm shift and to set the path for a different future. A future characterized by low carbon emissions and climate resilient development consistent with a global sustainable development pathway.
5. Here in Paris, in the next two weeks the global community must agree on a legally binding protocol. A protocol geared at implementation to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention, based on the principles enshrined in the Convention. The protocol must have sufficient ambition and urgency of action for enhancing climate mitigation and adaptation actions to guarantee the survival of all.
6. We must have sufficient ambition, as called for by undisputed science, to guarantee that the increase in global average temperature must remain well below 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. We must commit to this as the overall global goal of the new Agreement.
7. Countries like Grenada, Small Islands Developing States, have been identified among the most vulnerable with the least capacity to cope with the ravages of climate change. This cannot be contested.
8. The unique characteristics and special circumstances of these States must be fully recognized and included as a cornerstone of the new agreement.
9. Mr. Chairman, the voice of the most vulnerable and those with the least capacities must be heard loud and clear in the final document to be agreed on in the next two weeks. This is a moral imperative.
10. With the greatest determination and resolve, as demonstrated again and again on these shores, we must agree on an ambitious package of measures which includes strong and ambitious mitigation and adaptation actions, the means of implementation, transparency

and accountability mechanisms representative of the enormity of the challenges that we now face.

11. The mitigation measures are particularly important as this is the ticket to our long term survival. The inadequacy of the mitigation commitments required to meet the well below 1.5 degree celcius target causes great trepidation. We therefore call for a review of ambition in 2018 and a 5-year renewal of emissions reduction commitments for enhancing mitigation ambition.

12. The package of measures must also include:

- Adequate and predictable levels of finance, with delivery of US\$100 billion a year from 2020.
- Loss and Damage anchored in the agreement, with provisions for further strengthening of the mechanism
- Access to and deployment and diffusion of, appropriate climate technologies.
- Capacity building for reducing vulnerabilities and enhancing resilience.

13. Mr. Chairman, with your astute leadership on climate change we know that we can do it and take advantage of this historic opportunity. We are assured that we will together in the next two weeks create a historic and defining agreement that will protect the most vulnerable among us, and in doing so, protect the planet and the welfare of future generations. Grenada is fully committed to doing its part.

14. I thank you Mr. Chairman!