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Message to the Parties

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As I take up my duties as President of the COP, having been designated by President of France François Hollande, I am very pleased to send this message to all UNFCCC Parties.

I recognise the honour bestowed upon me and the responsibility that I now bear: that of continuing the momentum of the Paris Agreement in conjunction with Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres who have been so instrumental in the success of CoP21, and of handing on this presidency to Morocco next November under the best possible circumstances.

I am especially delighted because I know how much effort was devoted by the negotiators in designing this new international framework in the battle against the climate disruption that is increasingly affecting our populations. I am also aware of the unprecedented momentum coming from civil society in the broadest sense to contribute to this mobilisation and provide practical solutions to address this challenge.

We now need to work together to implement these new mechanisms and to further accelerate our efforts through increased international cooperation. Rest assured that I will spare no efforts in this direction.

I know that I can count on your support in the same way that Laurent Fabius and the French presidency benefited from it during 2015. I would be happy to receive your proposals in order to be better able to meet your expectations. Our team will pursue the same approach of listening, openness and ambition which, I am certain, contributed to our mutual success in Paris.

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