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INFORMATION NOTE

I am pleased to convey to all intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties (COP) a message from the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by Richard Kinley for)

Christiana Figueres

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Annex

Message from the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We would like to thank you all for the constructive engagement during the ADP 2.3 session in Warsaw, Poland. In particular, we thank all participants of the Special Event with observers that we held on 19 November for their contributions and for the many concrete and useful suggestions.

The ADP was able to secure a successful result at the Warsaw session and has shown its determination to maintain the positive momentum behind the Durban Platform. Warsaw also reminded us all of the intensive effort that is required on the way to Lima and Paris. The ADP must accelerate the development of the 2015 agreement and further elaborate, as of its next session, the elements for a draft negotiating text, as well as to accelerate progress in increasing pre-2020 ambition, including through further activities under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition. The Warsaw decision also sent a clear signal to all Parties to initiate or intensify domestic preparations for contributions that will enable the adoption of a meaningful agreement in 2015.

Contributions by the observer organizations – civil society, the private sector and non-state actors at large – will be critical in all these areas in which the ADP needs to advance. In this context, we would first like to remind all of the invitation by the ADP to Parties and admitted observer organizations to provide information, views and proposals on the work of the ADP before each session.¹ We would also like to draw your attention to the specific invitation for submissions expressed in paragraph 3 of the conclusions adopted by ADP 2.3.²

In Warsaw Parties agreed on a series of activities to increase pre-2020 ambition, including activities under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition that aim at intensifying the technical work on opportunities for actions with high mitigation potential.³ We believe it is critical to achieving the maximum impact from these activities and we encourage observer organizations and non-state actors more broadly, to contribute to these efforts by sharing your ideas as to how to make best use of your expertise.

Furthermore, we draw your attention to the call by the Conference of the Parties on organizations in a position to do so to provide support, as early as possible in 2014, to the domestic preparations by Parties for their intended nationally determined contributions in the context of the 2015 agreement.⁴

Encouraged by many in Warsaw, we will prepare a Co-Chairs' note with our reflections on the progress made, which we plan to make available on the UNFCCC website in the course of the coming month. As done previously we also intend to prepare, closer to the upcoming session of the ADP to be held on 10-14 March 2014 in Bonn, Germany, a scenario note with our proposals for how we organize our work at that session.

¹ See FCCC/ADP/2012/3, paragraph 22; and paragraph 2 of the conclusions, as adopted at ADP 2.3 in Warsaw, available at: <http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/awg/application/pdf/adp_conclusions_as_adopted.pdf>.

² <http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/awg/application/pdf/adp_conclusions_as_adopted.pdf>.

³ See paragraph 5(a) of decision -/CP.19 ('Further advancing the Durban Platform') and paragraph 4(c)(i) of the ADP conclusions (footnote 1 above).

⁴ Decision -/CP.19 ('Further advancing the Durban Platform'), paragraph 2(d).



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In addition, as has been practice in the ADP, we intend to continue the engagement and open channel of communication with observer organizations throughout the year. To this end, we extend our invitation to provide inputs to our thinking and contact us through the email CADP@unfccc.int.⁵

We are looking forward to continue serving the ADP as Co-Chairs next year and wish you all the very best for 2014.

Signed by

Kishan Kumarsingh
Co-Chair of the ADP

Signed by

Artur Runge-Metzger
Co-Chair of the ADP

⁵ General queries of an organizational, logistical or practical nature can also be directed to the ADP team of the secretariat by e-mail to: ADP@unfccc.int.