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**Statement by
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H. E. Ms. Nkoana-Mashabane, President of COP 17/CMP 7,
H. E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Hammad Al-Attiyah, incoming President of COP 18/CMP 8,
Dr. Alcamo, Chief Scientist, United Nations Environment Programme,
Honourable Ministers,
Excellencies,
Dear friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the UN Campus in Bonn and to our first meeting following the excellently hosted Climate Change Conference in Durban.

May I take this opportunity to once again thank Minister Nkoana-Mashabane for her outstanding leadership in Durban and for the hard work of her excellent team. And may I also take this opportunity to thank Ministers for your commitment to bring Durban to a successful conclusion.

There is no doubt that Durban resulted in one of the most encompassing and furthest reaching outcomes in the history of the climate change negotiations.

Looking towards Doha, your continued leadership and commitment throughout 2012 will be equally important.

Your high-level political guidance is needed on the following five issues:

1. the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol;
2. clarifying mitigation pledges and accounting arrangements outside of the Kyoto Protocol for the period up to 2020;
3. completing the final steps to operationalize the adaptation and technology institutions to help enhance developing country action;
4. advancing on long-term climate finance;
5. defining the path for a new agreement under the Convention which is applicable to all.

Directly or indirectly, the success for the climate of all these “to-do’s” depends on a sufficient level of ambition - ambition to support developing countries, ambition mobilize finance and last but certainly not least, ambition to decisively and tangibly reduce emissions according to what science demands.

In Cancun, Parties agreed to stay below a 2 degrees Celsius average global temperature increase. Everything possible needs to make this real – and even more so to move the world into the ambit of 1.5 degrees Celsius.

In this sense, I very much look forward to Dr. Alcamo’s briefing on the latest science and on what is needed now and beyond 2020 to keep temperature increases below 2 degrees Celsius. Through the Durban Platform, and its work plan to enhance mitigation ambition, there is now an opportunity for all Parties to meet this key challenge.

Parties can lay the ground for this in Doha. I am happy to announce that we have established a working relationship with the incoming Presidency of COP 18. We look forward to continuing collaboration on the round to Doha.
