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Agenda item 21

Other matters

The Lima Ministerial Declaration on Education and Awareness-raising

Draft decision -/CP.XX

Proposal by the President¹

The Ministers and Heads of Delegation attending the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, held in Lima, Peru, from 1 to 12 December 2014,

Concerned about the impact of climate change on the current and future generations,

Recognizing that education and public awareness programmes should promote the changes in lifestyles, attitudes and behaviour needed to foster sustainable development and climate protection and to prepare our societies to adapt to the impacts of climate change,

Reaffirming that public participation and access to information are crucial for developing and implementing effective policies to combat climate change and adapt to its impacts, as well as to engage all stakeholders actively in the implementation of these policies,

Underlining that effective climate change action requires public understanding of the issues at stake and the potential benefits of climate action, and that there is a need for public support for an idea that a transformation is necessary now to avoid more serious consequences in the future,

Emphasizing that the opportunity to participate in decision-making processes that are fair, accountable, inclusive and corruption-free is essential to fostering climate justice,

Acknowledging the progress made by Parties, international organizations, civil society and other stakeholders in planning, coordinating and implementing activities related to education, training, public awareness, public participation and access to information,

¹ In collaboration with Poland.

Recalling the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits related to education,

Reaffirming the importance of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 10(e) of the Kyoto Protocol for achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention and for the effective implementation of adaptation and mitigation actions,

1. *Stress* that education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information play a fundamental role for all countries to achieve climate-resilient sustainable development and contribute to meeting the objective of the Convention;
2. *Reaffirm* our commitment to promote and facilitate at the national, subregional and regional levels the development and implementation of educational and public awareness programmes on climate change and its effects, of public access to information and of participation in decision-making on climate change;
3. *Encourage* all governments to include the issue of climate change in curricula and to include awareness-raising on climate change in the design and implementation of national development and climate strategies and policies;
4. *Urge* all Parties to give increased attention to the topic of education, awareness-raising and public participation in all aspects of climate change negotiations;
5. *Call on* all Parties to re-emphasize the importance of education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information on climate change and its effects in the new global agreement to be concluded in Paris in 2015;
6. *Reaffirm* our commitment to cooperate and engage through bilateral and regional complimentary initiatives that aim to raise awareness and enhance education on climate change and its effects.
