

**THE 18th SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP18) TO THE  
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**Country Statement**

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Your Excellency, Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, Chairman of the Administrative Control and Transparent Authority of the State of Qatar, the President for the 18th Conference of the Parties (COP18) to the UNFCCC, and the 8th Conference of the Parties serving to the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP8).

Your Excellency Mr Ban Ki Moon, the UN Secretary General.

Excellencies Ministers, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me at this outset, to first express our sincerest appreciation to the Government and the people of the State of Qatar, for the warm hospitality accorded to us, and the excellent arrangement for this COP18 and CMP8 in Doha.

Allow me too, Mr President, to congratulate you for your election as the President of this COP18 and CMP8.

Through your wisdom, able leadership and guidance, we believe that you will be able to undertake this formidable task of steering our meetings in Doha, towards a fruitful outcome - in an open, party-driven, transparent and inclusive manner. And in you, Mr President, we place our trust and hope towards achieving an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive outcome in Doha.

Brunei Darussalam sees this COP18 & CMP8 as key and crucial to the Kyoto Protocol. We also see it as an important juncture for the successful closure of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long Term Cooperative Actions, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Kyoto Protocol, and consequently, the launching of the protocol into its next period of implementation.

There needs to be a 2nd commitment period. One that has ambitious targets, immediately ratifiable, and readily implementable, with no gap between the first and second commitment period.

We need to deliver a message to the world, Mr President, that we are not merely exchanging words and thoughts here, but are actually putting those words and thoughts into concrete actions, as a collective and global effort to address and combat climate change and its impacts.

In this regards, Brunei Darussalam also sees the new legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention that is applicable to all Parties through the Durban Platform, to enter into force in 2020. This instrument, we believe, must also uphold the provisions and principles of the Convention, with equity and common but differentiated responsibilities as its basis.

Mr President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Like others who have spoken before me, Brunei Darussalam too would like to reiterate and reaffirm its commitment and obligations, particularly in undertaking nationally appropriate mitigation and adaptation actions, in accordance with the provisions and principles of the Convention, and through the concept of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and capacities, and also national circumstances.

In the strive to address and combat climate change and its impacts, Brunei Darussalam believe that there is a need to strike a balance between economic growth, social development and environmental protection, that forms the very foundation of sustainable development.

Brunei Darussalam continues to integrate and mainstream environmental dimensions into its national development projects, to ensure a sustainable development pathway.

Amongst others, this encompass :

- the introduction of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in the planning and implementation of projects ;
- land optimisation through the introduction of vertical development in our national housing schemes, and conservation of our carbon sink resources by maintaining more than 50% of our total land area under forest cover, and apportioning a percentage of built-up areas as green areas ;
- promoting environmentally sound technology and products, and also enhancing awareness on environmentally friendly lifestyle and resource efficiency, such as the wise and efficient use of energy and water in our daily consumption practices,

- promoting the initiative on green buildings, in particular adopting energy efficient design, and
- the drive for renewable energy, with an aim to contribute 10% off our energy mix by 2030, through our 1.2 MW Solar Photovoltaic Power Generation Demonstration Project, that is able to generate power for more than 200 houses.

At the regional level, the tripartite forest conservation initiative with Malaysia and Indonesia, called the 'Heart of Borneo', pledges 3,300 square kilometers of our tropical rainforests, constituting around 58% of our total land area.

This green initiative, further reinforces our collective contribution to the global climate change agenda, with respect to Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of carbon stocks (REDD Plus), and Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry (LULUCF).

Mr President, even with a small populace and a limited resource, and also an insignificant global net carbon emission of less than 0.01%, Brunei Darussalam will continue to pursue efforts and do its utmost to address and combat climate change as a moral obligation and responsibility, to preserve this mother earth.

Brunei Darussalam stands ready to work cooperatively and constructively towards a balanced outcome in Doha.

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Thank You.