

## HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

Statement by  
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to first take the opportunity to thank the Emirate and the people of Qatar for its warm hospitality during the past two weeks.

Combatting climate change states a global challenge that requires global answers llllllllllllllllllllll- especially in terms of mitigation and adaptation. Since we are all affected by climate change, we all have the responsibility to limit its effects as far as possible. To this respect further progress of our work within the UN Framework is crucial - not only for ourselves but also for future generations.

Acknowledging the urgency of comprehensive mitigation and adaptation activities, the Liechtenstein parliament therefore decided in November 2012 to extend its financial contribution to the so called fast-start finance initiative until 2015.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

International progress should be followed by respective national implementation activities. But sometimes it is the other way around.

In September 2012, Liechtenstein has passed the required national legislation in order to enter smoothly in to a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.

Although a second commitment period has yet to be agreed upon

- we will continue to reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases,
- we will continue to fulfill our reporting requirements under the Convention and the Protocol, and
- we will stay committed to contribute our fair share within the international climate regime.

The situation in Liechtenstein is comparable to the situation of the vast majority (*if not all*) of our partners within the Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol. With respect to the second commitment period, national legislation is ahead of international legislation.

I am confident that we - as the international community - are able to catch up with the developments of national legislations and that we will be able to fulfill the mandate which was given in Durban - to agree on a second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol.

I am also confident that we will - here in Doha - be able to close the work under the AWG LCA given the achievements we have realized with regard to the implementation of the Bali Action Plan.

Last but not least - let me assure you that Liechtenstein is deeply committed to further advance the work under the Durban Platform. Therefore each of us has to increase ambitions - in order to reach the objectives of the Convention - "to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system."

Thank you!