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Keynote Speech

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Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honor to address you today, a year after I
attended Durban COP17.

Taking this opportunity, first of all, I'd like to extend
my deepest gratitude to the government and people of
the State of Qatar for their warm welcome and
hospitality here in Doha.

My sincere thanks also go to all the staffs of Qatar
Team for their utmost efforts in making this
momentous conference possible.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

If you allow me to describe COP18, it will be characterized by three words : historic, unique and special.

In the first place, as you are well aware, this is a very historic year : 20th anniversary of the UN Climate Change Conference and 15th anniversary of the Kyoto Protocol.

At this historic moment, we bring AWG-KP and AWG-LCA to a close, and we start the new ADP negotiation track to design a new climate change regime.

Moreover, the Doha COP is evidently unique. This is the first time the Conference of the Parties is being held in Arabic World, which has abundant energy resources.

In addition, COP18 bears a special meaning to the Republic of Korea. Korea and Qatar served as co-chairs of the Pre-COP18. The Pre-COP18 was held in Korea last October with success, and now, COP18 is being hosted here in Doha.

This is very significant. We transformed the

competition between Korea and Qatar for hosting COP18 into cooperation by respectively hosting Pre-COP and COP18. At this COP18, the Republic of Korea will fully cooperate with Qatar, in the spirit of turning confrontation among countries into a mutual collaboration.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

When I addressed the Durban COP17 last year, I stated that for the unity of Asia-Pacific region Korea conceded to Qatar the honor of hosting COP18.

At the same time, I expressed Korea's wish to host GCF(Green Climate Fund) as an important contribution to the global efforts to address climate change.

A year later, Korea was selected as host of GCF and I came to realize the true meaning of saying that "It always seems impossible until it's done.", which was widely referred to in Durban last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my

heartfelt gratitude to all those who have supported us. Korea, in return, will provide its full support for the early launch and operation of GCF secretariat.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Durban Outcome was the result of delicate political balance between concluding current phase of negotiation and designing new architecture of climate change.

The task at Doha COP18 is to keep the balance while implementing the Durban Packages under the three Ad-Hoc Working Groups on KP, LCA and ADP.

It is, however, unfortunate that little progress has been made in the first week of the two-week meeting. This is, we believe, due to the distrust between developed and developing countries.

In this regard, we view that a balanced enhancement of ambition on mitigation and finance is a key means of building trust between developed and developing countries.

It is fortunate that several proposals such as

mid-term review or workshop in 2013 have been made for enhancing mitigation commitment.

Under these deadlock circumstances, in order to make a breakthrough, I say that Korea is willing to host Ministerial High Level Climate Change Conference for a balanced enhancement of ambition on mitigation and finance, continuing on with the Seoul Pre-COP. What matters most now is to make a compromise and reach a consensus among us.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the Rio+20 summit in June this year, the entire world confirmed again that green economy is one of the crucial means to achieve sustainable development.

At the Seoul Pre-COP, many countries agreed that the Low Emission Development Strategy is a very effective measure to enhance our global climate effort.

Within Korea, new policies are bringing about vast innovative "Green Transformation".

As developing country to enact legislation for

Emission Trading Scheme, which is scheduled to go into effect in 2015, Korea is making its best effort to join the global battle against climate change.

On top of that, Korea's Global Green Growth Institute(GGGI) was set up in 2010 and became an international organization in October, this year. This is a big step forward to promote green growth across the world.

Korea fully recognizes what the international community expects us to do. Korea intends to continuously provide a platform that will help gather international voices in tackling climate change.

As I mentioned before, we have the plan to host Ministerial High Level Climate Change Conference from next year, with the goal of allowing developed and developing parties to do their part and form a global partnership in addressing climate change.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

To resolve outstanding issues, we have to utilize the insights that we gained from our past experiences. Based on hindsight, we need to have the foresight to envision the future we must pursue. With the guidance of our experiences and our shared vision, we must take the steps needed to achieve that future.

It is in this context that now is the time for us to have “Foresight with Insight based on Hindsight”.

At this critical juncture, we should strive for the common march to tackle global climate change. A balanced and credible text in Doha depends on us. It’s up to our eagerness to agree and our willingness to compromise.

I’d like to conclude my remarks with a final reflection : “We are free to choose now. But we are not free from the consequences of our choice in the future.”

Thank you very much. Shukran.