

Cher Monsieur Dubouchet,

Ici le discours, un peu tard !

Meilleures salutations.

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Mister President,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group which comprises Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea, and Switzerland.

Let me first thank the government and the people of the Qatar as well as the authorities and the people of Doha for their warm welcome and for hosting this Conference of the Parties.

We would like to emphasize the importance of COP 18 in Doha. As a matter of fact, this COP will consolidate the work done under the Convention since Bali, through Cancun and Durban. This is a significant next step and we are looking forward to make it here together in Doha.

The decisions that COP 18 is going to adopt have to be considered as a contribution to combating climate change when we have increasing scientific evidence of the threats posed by this global problem. If strong action is not undertaken to limit global greenhouse emissions, we will not be in track to limiting global temperature increase below 2 degrees as we have agreed

upon. We will be then exposed with more frequency to events like the recent like hurricane Sandy and its devastating effects.

The Environmental Integrity Group remains committed to the goal of an ambitious, balanced, comprehensive, effective and inclusive international climate change regime based on the principles of the UNFCCC.

In our view, the deliverables of Doha are:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->The conclusion of the negotiations on the Kyoto Protocol and consequently the closure of the AWG-KP.

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Through this important step, Doha will be the moment to consolidate established institutions and to move from negotiations to implementation.

The EIG considers that we have achieved so far meaningful results to the Bali Action Plan and additional contributions can be reached in Doha to ensure an even more successful closure. In fact, mitigation actions have been strengthened by Parties, under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol; institutions for adaptation are working; and financial and technological support have their home under the UNFCCC, all this in the framework of increased transparency. As EIG, we are especially proud that one of our member countries, the Republic of Korea, has been chosen to host the Green Climate Fund Secretariat.

Mr. President, financing has been one of the areas where we have been able to achieve important accomplishments, including the successful fast-start finance period, the establishment of the Green Climate Fund, the initial work of the newly established institutions (GCF Board and Standing Committee on Finance), and the furthering of understanding achieved through the work programme on long-term finance.

However, there are several areas where more work is needed - swiftly! To mention them namely:

• Ways and means to scale up the current levels of climate finance to the level agreed for 2020.

• Clarifying the contribution by the private sector.

• Tapping into innovative sources.

• Furthering MRV of climate finance, both of support and of receipt.

For all these activities we have put in place at COP 17 a solid working structure, and they all have a home. Let us use at this COP already the space that we have created to continue an indepth discussion and develop the necessary guidance on financing through the COP.

Last but not least, Mr President, we welcome efforts to improve the participation of women in bodies established pursuant the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol.

We count on you, Mr. President and on the leadership of Qatar to achieve substantial progress here in Doha.

Please be assured that the EIG is ready to continue its constructive cooperation with you and all the Parties towards a successful outcome of the negotiations here in Doha.

Thank you, Mister President.

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