

# **Panama on Behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations**

## COALITION FOR RAINFOREST NATIONS CLOSING PLENARY COP20

### STATEMENT

Lima, 13 December 2014

Thank you Mr. President,

Panama has the honour to speak on behalf of the 52 countries of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, of which the following have endorsed this statement:  
*Bangladesh, Belize, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Congo, Solomon Islands, Togo, and Uganda.*

Mr. President, we support the statement made by the distinguished delegate from Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Our Coalition came to Lima well prepared and determined to move our forward and build on the success of last year in Warsaw. Mr. President we admire your dedication and guidance and we believe Lima represents another important step towards the fight against climate change.

We all recognize the important role forests play related to both mitigation and adaptation to climate change. After the adoption of the Warsaw REDD+ Framework, rainforest nations are nowadays ready to implement REDD+ actions on the ground. What is urgently needed is adequate and predictable financial and technological support and capacity building.

Mr President, we welcome the decisions on finance, in particular on the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and the Report of the GCF to the COP and guidance to the GCF. Both decisions builds on existing work and recognize t

On the ADP our Coalition reiterates the fundamental role of REDD+ in closing the mitigation gap, and reaffirms the centrality of REDD+ in the 2015 agreement. In fact we cannot reach our goal of limiting temperature rise to less than 1.5C without forests playing a critical role. On this basis, we are confident that starting from the next meeting in Geneva, the adequate space for REDD+ will be secured in the 2015 agreement.

Finally Mr President, let me congratulate with you once again, and confirm our Coalition is looking forward to further engage with all Parties next year with the view to finalize an ambitious deal in Paris.

Thank you Mr President.