

Draft Statement of BASIC countries

ADP Closing Plenary

25 October 2014

1. South Africa makes this statement on behalf of the BASIC countries.
2. We would like to associate ourselves with the statement delivered by Bolivia on behalf of the G77 and China.
3. Co-Chairs, we thank Parties for sharing their views on what they would like to see in the 2015 agreement. We heard new ideas and further elaboration of ideas that were captured particularly in your Non-Paper, the draft INDC decision and the Workstream II draft text.
4. With regard to the draft decision on INDCs, the BASIC countries have made clear their position in this session that we do not believe a stand-alone decision on the INDCs will help us in reaching a successful outcome in Paris. Furthermore, we would like to express our disappointment on how the discussions of this session were reflected on the latest version of the text, in an unbalanced and selective manner. The latest version does not “build the bridges” we all expected this session would.
5. Co-Chairs, we would also like to register our disappointment on how we proceeded on the ELEMENTS discussions. We do not feel that significant progress was made at this session. Our expectation was that we would have a first reading of the Non-Paper in this session. The mode of work at this session was not conducive to capturing emerging consensus or common ground.
6. Co-Chairs, the BASIC countries would like to support the suggestions made by the Group of 77 & China on how to organise our work for Lima. Since Lima is expected to finalise the draft elements for a draft negotiating text, it is clear that we cannot continue in the current mode of engagement.
7. Co-Chairs, we therefore call for an agreement here in Bonn that we start the ADP session in Lima in FOCUSED GROUPS. For this to happen we would like to propose to you, Co-Chairs, that you appoint facilitators for such groups.
8. Co-Chairs, the mandate for the focused groups should be to produce elements for a draft negotiating text. The basis of those discussions should be your Non-Paper. We therefore would like to give you mandate to update the current non-paper and structure it to suit the suggested focused group discussions WITHOUT deleting anything from the current Non-Paper. The BASIC countries will not accept the deletion of any content of the current Non-Paper as we did not yet have a first reading of the Non-Paper.
9. Co-Chairs, just to emphasise the points that we are making in this statement, we propose the following:
 - that we agree to start the Lima ADP negotiations with the FOCUSED groups; and
 - that the focused groups should use the updated Non-Paper as the basis of the discussion.

If we can reach an agreement here in Bonn on the mode of work in Lima, it will make our task in Lima much easier. We should start the Lima discussion in a focused manner that can lead to the finalisation of our work on agreeing to the elements of a draft negotiating text. Time is not on our side.

Thank you.