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**ADP PLENARY**  
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**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS**

- Mr President, Co-Chairs, we support your efforts to bring work in the ADP and at this COP to a successful close. As he said, we cannot leave Lima with empty hands on the road to a successful Paris agreement.
- Let me be frank. There are parts of the text with which we are very uncomfortable, and parts that are very thin. We are of course not alone in this.
  - For example, we expected a lot more to help us to assess and understand whether our INDCs next year put us on track to the long-term goal. But we will not allow this to stop our efforts. We will fight tooth and nail, and keep knocking on doors to make sure that this process happens, both in and outside these UN rooms.
  - There is also language we have not seen yet before, including a reference to respecting national sovereignty. Yet it is not only the national sovereignty of those whose emissions are being assessed which must be respected, but also the sovereignty of countries like mine whose national sovereignty and existence is threatened by their emissions.
- But we all know that in this process, real leadership is being prepared to put aside our individual preferences and anxieties. I have fought for my country at the UN for three decades, beginning with our independence. I know the level of discomfort that is sometimes required to keep things moving forward.
- So even if we are unhappy about parts of the text, I am prepared to put aside those differences, to keep working on our new agreement, because without moving forward now, and without success in Paris, my country is on the line.
- We have a strong draft Paris agreement on the table, that everyone here has helped to build. Let's take it forward.
- Mr Co-Chairs, Mr President, you have our support, we propose adopting the Co-Chairs' proposed text as it stands right now.