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Draft Opening Statement EIG

Thank you Mr. Co-Chairs.

This statement is made on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, the EIG, comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

- We would first like to thank the Peruvian presidency for the excellent manner, in which they conducted the conference in Lima in December and would like to express our support to the incoming French presidency for the months to come and a successful outcome of the COP in Paris.
- Mr. Co-chairs, we all know, how important this year is. The **outcome of Paris** needs to be a legally binding instrument containing the enduring elements of the 2015 Agreement, COP decisions with dynamic and technical elements, and NDCs for the period from 2020. Furthermore, the 2015 Agreement needs to address all relevant areas: mitigation, adaptation, means of implementation and transparency of action and support. We hope to leave Geneva with not only a negotiation text that is acceptable as a basis for the further negotiations by all but also a text which is further streamlined and makes clear which elements should be addressed in the agreement and which in COP decisions.
- In our view, Parties already had the chance in Lima to propose text they want to see reflected in the paper. We are happy to see the proposals made in Lima in the text but are of the view, that here in Geneva we need to start shortening and streamlining the text.
- In the area of **Mitigation**, we need to ensure that in Paris we will be able to anchor fair and ambitious **NDCs**. In Warsaw and Lima, Parties have agreed to prepare INDCs and communicate them well in advance of COP21 and by the first quarter of 2015 by those Parties ready to do so, including up-front information. I like to reiterate here, that all EIG Parties are sincerely engaged in domestic preparations of their INDCs and are strongly committed to their timely communication ahead of COP21 including the accompanying up-front

information as decided in Lima. We would welcome the possibility that Parties that have submitted their INDCs before June would have the opportunity, if they wish to do so, to present them and receive reactions from other country Parties in the spirit of learning and mutual understanding.

- Furthermore, the 2015 Agreement must be based on **one common set of rules** applicable to all Parties but at different depths in terms of type, stringency and timing among other in order to account for different national circumstances and capacities. Such a rules based system is of utmost importance in order to ensure transparency, comparability and mutual understanding.
- **Adaptation** must be a major component of the 2015 Agreement and should be addressed with the same level of priority. In our view, the development and implementation of adaptation plans and strategies is central in order to build resilience and minimize and cope with the adverse effects of climate change.
- For **means of implementation**, the new agreement needs to ensure that all developed country Parties and other Parties in a position to do so, provide enhanced, effective and transparent support for country-driven mitigation and adaptation actions in countries which need such support.
- Mr. Co-Chairs, we have less than one year for the 2015 Agreement to become what we want it to be: a fair and ambitious legally-binding rules-based climate change agreement applicable to all Parties, taking into account CBDR/RC and equity and mutually supportive with human rights, gender equality and health policies.
- The time we have left up to Paris is short and we have to work hard and focus on **common ground**, not on differences. We therefore fully support your suggested organization of work and especially to move to the next session after the allocated time and allow for the remaining interventions later in the week and support time limited break out groups to deepen or solve specific open issues.
- We have the aim to leave Geneva with a streamlined negotiating text as well as a text for a possible COP draft decision accompanying the agreement. Therefore we would support you, the Co-chairs, to produce, if necessary, a clean draft on the basis of the discussions during this week and in the sense of

the ADP decision in Lima by May this year. Here in Geneva, we are ready to only make proposals if we want to bring in an idea that is not yet captured in the text but most importantly, proposals to streamline or replace existing text.

- Last but not least, we would like to express our **full support** to you, the new Co-chairs of the ADP. We are looking forward to work with you throughout this important year and towards a successful outcome in Paris in December.

Thank you Mr. Co-Chairs.