

Mr. Chairman,

Belize has the honour of delivering this statement at this session of the ADP on behalf of the Central American Integration System (SICA).

At the outset, SICA associates itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Our region is strongly committed to the achievement of concrete results in the ADP before Lima and Paris in line with the mandate to further advancing the Durban Platform.

We would like to thank the Co-Chairs for their efforts and at the same time recognize that there is much work to be done.

As we begin this session, we are mindful of the limited time left to complete our work. We must therefore proceed with a sense of urgency, switching gears to start active negotiations.

SICA underscores that adaptation needs to be strengthened in the context of the 2015 Agreement and the Adaptation Committee should be anchored in this agreement. On finance, there is an urgent need to have clear commitments, and provide clarity on scaling up the mobilization of 100 billion USD per year by 2020 to assist developing countries in both adaptation and mitigation.

SICA countries call on all Parties to work constructively on the elements for a draft negotiating text, on information for Intended Nationally Determined Contributions and on the work-plan for enhancing mitigation ambition to help close the pre-2020 ambition gap. With respect to INDCs, we stress the need to include all the elements of the ADP mandate. Further, we consider that the required information to be submitted should be based on the provisions of the convention and relevant decisions.

SICA countries underscore the centrality of the principles and provisions of the Convention, including, in particular, equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and the most recent scientific evidence, in the execution of the ADP mandate. These are the foundation upon which we can elaborate an ambitious, durable and effective agreement that will promote the participation of all parties in the fulfillment of the ultimate objective of the Convention.

Given that we have decided that the ADP is intended to produce a protocol, other legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force, we must initiate discussions on the issues that would arise from a legally binding agreement, that includes the legal implications of the different elements. We support the call for consideration of the

establishment a contact group, at the proper time, that will consider legal aspects of such an agreement that have yet to be addressed.

Mr. Chairman,

Considering SICA's role in enhancing climate change education and capacity building, we would like to underscore the importance of all elements of Article 6, which are fundamental for the effective implementation of the 2015 agreement. **We are in the process of considering a submission on this matter.**

Mr. Chairman,

We look forward over the next six days to working with you and with other Parties to ensure that we march steadily on to Lima. We reiterate our call to all Parties to build bridges to unlock outstanding issues as we strive for a successful outcome in this session and in Lima. We assure you Mr. Chairman of our continued support for the ADP and for the other key remaining agenda issues such as the capitalization of the Green Climate Fund, the rapid operationalization of the loss and damage mechanism and anchoring the WARSAW REDD+ framework in the 2015 agreement.

Finally, we urge Parties to ratify the Doha amendment of the Kyoto Protocol and to revisit and increase their mitigation ambition thereunder.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman