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LMDC Closing Statements
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Bonn

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) in Climate Change.

We fully associate ourselves with the statement delivered by Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Co-Chairs,

We all learned in Bonn that any process of multilateral negotiation must be guided by the Parties and that mutual trust is important in order to move forward this process. The open-ended consultations that you put us through this week, rather than actually starting formal and structured negotiations among the Parties, have called for the exercise of patience, forbearance and understanding ~~this week~~. We have actively participated and carefully listened ~~to~~ these exchanges of information this week.

However, the time for these exchanges is past and progress is now needed. We have to move forward. The urgency of the situation demands it. The future of our peoples, all over the world, requires it.

Co-Chairs,

We cannot afford to waste either time or money, in our meetings, particularly when every day millions of people in our developing countries continue to be highly affected by climate change impacts.

We must now truly negotiate. We must now make use of the little time left for us to have concrete deliverables for Lima, on the road to Paris. Only the formal and structured negotiation through the Contact Group can help us make progress towards the elements for a draft negotiating text in Lima and achieve a successful, balanced and comprehensive agreed outcome in Paris.

We look forward to now doing our work in a structured and formal mode of work in the Contact Group that we have established at this session under the ADP, covering both workstreams and focusing on the elements. *all*

There must be a clear plan of work for the remaining meetings of the ADP up to COP20 in Lima that clearly outlines for the Parties the issues and topics to be negotiated in the Contact Group. It must provide for sufficient negotiating time to be equally distributed among all the six core elements for a draft negotiating text – mitigation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building, and transparency of action and support. This plan of work must be communicated to Parties well in advance, ~~and discussed and agreed to by them~~ so as to avoid procedural debates and to enable direct negotiation. *and agreed*

Co-Chairs

The modalities of work should allow Parties to put their textual proposals early on in the process on the table to be compiled, and provide them the possibility to negotiate their way forward together to an

outcome that has been collectively produced.

All Parties know what they are doing in this process. We all know that what is at stake is no less than our ability today to provide for today's generations and to create a better future for future generations.

With such high stakes, it is our individual and collective duty to make sure that we responsibly negotiate with each other as Parties, in good faith, without fear or pressure, on the basis of equality, with full respect for national sovereignty, and in a fully transparent and participatory manner. We look to you, Co-Chairs, to help Parties undertake this kind of negotiations together.

When we negotiate in this way, Co-Chairs, we ensure that the results at COP20 and the agreed outcome at COP21 will, in fact, be collectively produced and agreed to by the Parties. This is fundamental to the integrity, credibility, and legitimacy of the outcome. Because we own it, we will implement it. Only in this way can success be achieved at Lima and Paris. Any other outcome produced in any other manner will not be acceptable. *→ the text should reflect inputs from Parties.*

As had been expressed by the Philippines during this week, we would much rather have a comprehensive and balanced text thoroughly negotiated that we own as the agreed outcome, rather than a short text hurriedly negotiated that we do not own.

The work under workstream 2 is not just about mitigation. The pre 2020 ambition also includes in addition to mitigation, the Bali Action Plan pillars of adaptation, finance, technology transfer and capacity building as well. Hence, there needs to be a comprehensive and balanced treatment of all these issues as well in Workstream 2, which must be addressed in a formal way in the ADP process.

*→ Submission made by our group 8 March 2014
30 countries*

Co-Chairs,

The LMDC continues to be committed, together with other members of the Group of 77 and China, with the help of civil society and the public, to produce by COP21 in Paris a balanced, comprehensive, and equitable agreed outcome, under the Convention and reflecting its principles and provisions, and which allows us to achieve the objective of the Convention together.

This must be an outcome that will create a better future, a better world, for our countries and our peoples, particularly those of us living in developing countries. It must be an outcome that enables us to effectively combat climate change and its adverse effects in an equitable manner under the Convention and to achieve sustainable development.

Towards this objective, Co-Chairs, you can count on the continued active, constructive, progressive, and positive engagement and involvement of the developing countries in the LMDC in these negotiations.

Finally, Co-Chairs, on behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela as well as the LMDC, I look forward to welcoming all of you to the first-ever "Social Pre-COP" that will be held in Caracas this ~~November~~ **July**. This "Social Pre-COP" will enable social movements and civil society organizations ~~that have not~~ ~~been engaged in our negotiations~~ to come together and interact, make their voices heard, and provide

with a preparatory international meeting in July.

their valuable inputs from the grassroots into this process.

Thank you, Co-Chairs.