

REMARKS BY ABDULLAH BIN HAMAD AL-ATTIYA COP 18/CMP 8 PRESIDENT

to the COP 18/CMP 8 Bureau at its meeting on
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It is a pleasure for me to welcome you all to the third Bureau meeting in 2013. I would also like to welcome all Bureau members and express once again my sincere appreciation for the good work you have exhibited.

I am also pleased to hear that the progress in discussions that have taken place during the first week of the on-going sessions. Implementing the Doha Climate Gateway decisions is indeed important as we progress towards the steps necessary to achieve a new agreement in 2015. Doha streamlined the negotiation process and parties need to make full use of negotiation time.

Parties have concluded our talks in the Petersberg Dialogue in Berlin, with the positive impression that it was a useful continuation of the discussions that took place in Bonn on a 2015 global climate treaty and what is required to increase climate action before any future treaty takes effect. Ministers emphasized that “long-term, stable and reliable policy signals are essential to drive investments”. Our meeting in Berlin was, in fact, key to voicing concerns and identifying ways to deal with the rising challenge of climate change. It also stressed on the need to encourage action all stakeholders keeping in mind that the private sector has a key role, as well as designing an ambitious, fair and balanced 2015 climate agreement that takes into account fulfilling the commitment made in previous negotiations streams.

The Presidency is keen in seeing that the progress is made on all fronts. In this context, I also assure full support to Poland as the incoming Presidency, and we are confident that COP 19/CMP 9 will drive further momentum to the achievements made in Doha.