STATEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE OF COP 20/CMP 10, H.E. MR. MANUEL PULGAR-VIDAL

High-level ministerial dialogue on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action 6 June 2014

I would like to welcome you to the high-level ministerial dialogue on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action.

Yesterday we had a very rich discussion in the high-level roundtable under the Kyoto Protocol. Today I encourage you to continue that spirit.

Distinguished colleagues, last December in Warsaw, my co-chair called upon you to intensify your engagement on the Durban Platform – today's ministerial event has been organized in response to a request by the COP in its decision 1/CP.19.

As we move ahead to Lima and finally towards Paris, the process will increasingly require your leadership. This train is moving, and we cannot wait until Paris to get on board – now is the time to provide political guidance to the process.

Guidance means clarity on our objectives. For the incoming Peruvian Presidency, the Conference in Lima must achieve a clear and coherent first draft of the elements of the 2015 agreement. I request from you, fellow Ministers, to ask your negotiators to be focused, specific and constructive. As we see it, the work of the ADP from now towards Lima should do at least three things: first, identify all the consensual proposals; second, clarify the proposals which are still imprecise; and third, gradually reduce the number of remaining divergences. We envisage a decision coming out of COP20 which captures with clarity and coherence all the convergences as well as the smallest number possible of open issues.

Our sense of urgency is even greater for the decision on the intended nationally determined contributions. On this, we are eager to see the ADP move gradually into a more formal mode of negotiations to explore convergences on the scope, the type of information and the consultation process to follow COP20. The Peruvian presidency wants a practical and realistic decision which captures a common objective, recognizing our different priorities and capabilities, but which also raises ambition and launches a swift process of domestic proactivity and multilateral consultation and cooperation.

To finalize, I want to share with you another aspiration: Peru would like COP20 to produce a decision on Workstream 2. As we know, the ADP was also created to launch a workplan on enhancing pre 2020 action and to explore options to close the global ambition gap. We have invested a great deal of effort to learn about good practices, challenges and opportunities, in different sectors, from government, civil society and private sector actors. Three years have gone by. Only six years separate us from 2020. We believe it is time to capture in a decision what we have learned, time to recognize and encourage new action with high mitigation potential, and perhaps also time to articulate and support better such action under the Convention.

For the achievement of those goals, I want to reaffirm our full confidence in the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh and Mr. Artur Runge-Metzger, our full support to their leadership and their initiative to help us move forward towards Lima.