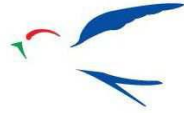




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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES

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This statement is on behalf of the EU and its 28 Member States.

Mister Chair, distinguished Colleagues, dear Friends,

Let me take the opportunity of this first intervention in the SBSTA Plenary to welcome the finalization of the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The EU wishes to express its gratitude to the IPCC and all the experts involved for producing the Fifth Assessment Report and in particular to welcome the recent publication of the Synthesis Report and its findings. We look forward to the various opportunities to consider the material provided by the IPCC during this session, in particular the discussion of the findings of the Synthesis Report in the fourth session of the Structured Expert Dialogue under the 2013-2015 review.

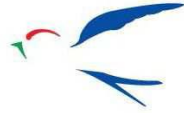
Also, regarding the review, we would also like to thank you, Mr Chair, for reporting to the ADP during the October session this year on the messages emerging from the Structured Expert Dialogue.

Mr Chair, we have a very full agenda here in Lima, therefore we must focus on priority areas to make best use of our time. In this context, we wish to highlight a number of particularly important developments and issues to address during this session:

- The agenda includes a number of important methodological issues under the Convention and under the Protocol, which must be finalised in Lima for timely reporting and for the review system for the second commitment period of the Protocol. The European Union is ready to engage in discussions with other Parties on these items, with a view to ensure continuity of the reporting and review processes in the coming years.



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- As concerns agenda item 12 on market and non-market mechanisms, the European Union expects that the international use of markets, and a UNFCCC-defined market mechanism or mechanisms, are provided for in the 2015 Agreement. In our view, the international use of markets towards commitments must be subject to robust accounting and other agreed rules to ensure the integrity of mitigation commitments and that double counting is avoided. We are ready to work with other Parties to elaborate on the necessary rules and requirements.
- The executive committee of the Warsaw international mechanism on loss and damage has successfully developed a workplan to foster the considerations of this important matter with the urgency it deserves. We hope that together we will be able to agree on the workplan and the final composition of the ExCom here in Lima, so that the work of this Committee can start without any further delay.
- The EU expects to conclude the item on the work programme on clarification of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties, along with the linked agenda item SBI 5, in line with the mandate of the work programme.

Mr Chair, the EU supports the proposed agenda for SBSTA 41 and looks forward to working with you and all Parties to make the best use of our time at this session.

Thank you.