



## STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES

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

We have made substantial progress this week. We would like to thank the chair and all Parties for implementing the new effective time management measures here in Lima.

Mr Chair, this process is underpinned by science. We have adopted a draft decision that welcomes the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report as the most comprehensive and robust assessment of climate change ever provided. This report shows what we collectively have to do to avoid dangerous climate change. It should inform all actions under the UNFCCC and particularly the work of the ADP as we look forward to the Paris outcome.

The Structured Expert Dialogue of the 2013-15 Review provides a key avenue for consideration of the Fifth Assessment Report. We wish to thank the experts from the IPCC and those from other bodies who engaged in a very active dialogue with the parties under this process. We look forward to the finalization of the SED in February and the review process during 2015.

In relation to the Nairobi Work Programme, we had a very efficient process thanks to the facilitators that delivered remarkable output in limited time available.

The EU welcomes the progress made in concluding the work programme of the Executive Committee concerning Loss and Damage as this issue should not be underestimated in the context of adaptation.

We also want to thank all Parties for the constructive dialogue on financial reporting methodologies and the co-facilitators for their swift guidance. We agreed to a workplan which ensures coherence between the SBSTA, SBI and the SCF. This will lead to improved reporting on support among Parties.

The EU welcomes the conclusion of the work programme on the clarification of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets as well as the corresponding work programme under the SBI. The outcomes reflect the significant work undertaken over the last two years as well as the spirit of compromise demonstrated by Parties here in Lima.

The EU was eager to move forward on both issues discussed under REDD+ as we together with many other Parties would now like to focus on implementing the Warsaw Framework for REDD+. We acknowledge that Parties made great efforts to try and find a middle ground and therefore, the EU very much regrets that we could not reach agreement on this. However, we are looking forward to finalise the outstanding topics at the next session in Bonn.



Similarly on markets, while we are encouraged by discussion under the ADP, we are disappointed that it was not possible to progress on market related items under SBSTA here in Lima. Nevertheless SBSTA will continue consideration of its workprogramme at its next session and we will be happy to engage in technical discussions with any Parties. Like many Parties, we are confident that this work can inform the ADP.

Mr Chair,

There has already been significant progress here in Lima, however, much remains to be done. In particular, we would highlight that the accounting rules necessary to implement the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol have not yet been fully agreed. This agreement is necessary if to EU is to ratify CP2. We need these rules to implement and fully comply with all obligations related to our commitments in the Doha Amendment. We therefore request the President of the CMP to work with the Parties here to address this issue so that we can adopt before we leave Lima.

There is only one outstanding issue in these rules and it fundamentally relates to the ability of some Parties outside the EU to convince their Parliaments to ratify. We are ready to work with the options on the table. We ask all Parties for their flexibility. We need an agreement here.

In relation to the revision of review guidelines for annual inventories, the EU welcomes the progress made. We note that there is still work to be done in finalizing the review guidelines that are essential for carrying out the reviews in 2015 and beyond. We urge other Parties for flexibility on the remaining controversial issues. Otherwise no inventory reviews can take place next year. The EU would like to avoid such a situation.

Mr Chair, dear colleagues, the EU is happy that we could conclude this session with meaningful results. We are looking forward to further work on SBSTA topic up to and during SBSTA42. We wish all of us a successful second week, with the first multilateral assessment enhancing transparency and trust as well as strong outcomes from the ADP, the COP and the CMP.

Thank you, Mr Chair.