

United Nations Framework on Climate Change

Draft Statement of Algeria at the Plenary of the fifth part of the 2nd session of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Durban Platform for an Enhanced Action

Co-Chairs,

Algeria aligns itself with the Statements delivered on behalf of the G77 and China, the African Group, and the Like-minded Group of Developing Countries.

I would like at the outset, recognize the efforts made and the progress achieved since the launching of the Ad-hoc working Group on the Durban Platform, thanks to the spirit of positive engagement showed by delegations. We look forward to further achievements under your wise and able leadership in order to achieve the mandate under the decision 1/CP17.

Algeria welcomes the establishment of a contact group at our last meeting. Algeria is of the view that this contact Group shall focus its work mainly on the elaboration of the content of the 2015 agreement, with a view to identifying elements for a coherent draft negotiating text by COP20 in Lima.

On the process, we reaffirm that it must continue to be open, transparent, inclusive and Party-driven. The outcome of this work shall reflect inputs from Parties. In this context we look forward to seeing the elements made by Algeria in its submission reflected in the draft document.

Co-Chairs,

We would like to highlight the urgency of the challenge of climate change, whose impacts affect disproportionately developing countries undermining their efforts to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development.

Developed countries need to take the lead in implementing their commitments under the Convention. Discussions under the ADP for the future climate regime shall be undertaken within this spirit. The element of "differenciation of responsabilities" shall be at the heart of the whole process as well as the outcome document.

From our perspective this process does not intend to renegotiate the Convention or to reinterpret its principles and provisions, including the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities.

On the other hand, the work under the ADP shall include in balanced and integrated way mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer and capacity building.

Co-chairs,

On mitigation, it is crucial to highlight the principles of the convention and the historical responsibility of developed countries, which shall take the lead and respect their commitments in this regard. Contributions of developing countries to the international effort must be nationally determined, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities and in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

In order to enhance our capabilities to the adverse effects of climate change, whose impacts on developing countries to achieve sustainable development are obvious, my delegation would like to emphasize the importance of enhanced work on Adaptation under the ADP.

We would like also to underline the centrality of the issue of Means of Implementation in the context of the new regime. In this regard, we stress on the need to mobilize political willingness to operationalize all the institutions created since Cancun, including the Green climate Fund, as well as the pledges made by developed countries to mobilize financial resources, including USD 100 billion per year by 2020.

We urge developed countries to desist from unilateral measures taken, which are affecting seriously the economies and capabilities of developing countries. We would like also to insist on the importance to address the socio-economic impacts of response measures and assist developing countries I this effort to diversify their economies. The new regime shall address this serious issue through the creation of an appropriate institutional framework and concrete measures and actions in this context.

Co-Chairs,

As far as the initiation of domestic preparations for intended nationally determined contributions isconcerned, it is crucial to emphasize that these preparations shall be undertaken by the Parties in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Convention and the right of developing countries to achieve sustainable development and to eradicate poverty, which are the first and overriding priorities.

We must stick to the substantive elements and provisions reflected in decisions 1CP/17, 1CP/18 and 1CP/19 that refer to mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer, capacity building and the transparency of actions and support as the main elements of the 2015 outcome. The Contributions of the Parties referred to, in this context deal with all of these elements.

Co-Chairs,

Algeria will continue to engage constructively during this process towards the success of our common efforts by 2015.

I thank you.