

China's Submission on Options and Ways for Further Increasing the Level of Ambition

The Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session held in Durban invited Parties and observer organizations to submit their views on options and ways for increasing ambition and possible further actions. China welcomes this opportunity and would like to submit the following views:

Developed country Parties should take the lead in reducing their emissions by undertaking ambitious mitigation commitments and fulfill their obligations of providing financial resources and transferring technology to developing country Parties in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. The key to increase the level of ambitions to reduce emissions lies with the developed country Parties' political will and the recognition of their historical responsibility.

Bali Action Plan resolves on enhancing the implementation of the Convention, to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention in accordance with its principles and provisions. The Cancun Agreement reaffirms that developed country Parties show their leaderships by undertaking ambitious emission reductions and in providing financial, technology and capacity-building resources to developing country Parties. The Cancun Agreement urges developed country Parties to increase the ambition of their emission reduction targets, with a view to reducing the level of their aggregate emissions consistent with the 25-40% as recommended by the Fourth Assessment Report of IPCC.

Firstly, developed country Parties must clarify their quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets and remove all of their political and non-political conditions they have put forward related to their individual targets. Secondly, each of the developed country Parties must reach the highest level within their pledged target range. Thirdly, under such circumstances, developed country Parties should further increase these targets based on science and in line with the requirement of the developing country Parties, ensuring their highest possible mitigation efforts to reflect their historical responsibilities. The targets above should be comparable among all Annex I Parties, and should also be stringently measurable, reportable, and verifiable.

Under the circumstances of a lack of finance and technology support from the developed country Parties and being confronted with the challenges of economic and social development as well as poverty eradication, developing country Parties have made their greatest efforts to take mitigation actions, whose contributions to mitigation are much greater than those of developed country Parties. Social and economic development and poverty eradication are first and overriding priorities of developing country Parties. Whether the developing country Parties could enhance their actions both on mitigation and adaptation depends on the enhanced finance and technology supports by developed country Parties.