

Nicosia, 16 July 2012

Dear Mr. Jayant Moreshver Mauskar,  
Dear Mr. Harald Dovland,

Thank you for your joint message of 25 June 2012. On behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States we would like to take the opportunity to respond to your invitation for inputs as to how advance the work of the ADP.

As you state in your message, with the adoption of the agenda in Bonn in June, Parties further clarified our decisions from Durban - that the work of the ADP comprises two workstreams - one relating to adoption of a legally binding agreement in 2015, and the other to enhancing mitigation ambition before 2020.

On both these workstreams the ADP is already behind schedule and has thus far failed to deliver on what Ministers agreed only a few months ago. It is therefore essential that rapid progress is made in the ADP in the remainder of 2012 to ensure that Doha takes forward the Durban outcomes in a balanced way.

### **Workstream on the 2015 agreement**

Decision 1/CP.17 instructed us to begin work as a matter of urgency and to agree a workplan - both to be done in the first half of this year. And yet Bonn saw no substantive discussions on matters related to paragraphs 2-6 of decisions 1/CP.17. The two urgent priorities for this workstream in Bangkok therefore are: (i) to commence substantive discussions; and (ii) agree on a workplan for delivering the 2015 agreement.

#### *Substantive discussions*

We welcome your initiative to review the submissions that Parties have made. We would further suggest that Secretariat should be invited to make a synthesis report of those submissions. That report should then be used as the basis of substantive discussions in Bangkok, to be organised by you around emerging themes.

#### *The workplan*

The workplan to deliver the 2015 agreement should be as streamlined as possible and should be based around the high level elements identified in paragraph 5 of 1/CP.17. We do not think it will be possible at this early stage to reach consensus on substantive elaboration of those elements. As such the workplan to be developed under your guidance should focus on the process leading to the adoption of an agreement in 2015, and should be based on the following:

- a call for submissions early in 2013 on particular issues or themes to be identified by the Parties.
- opportunities to make progress on those themes and issues in informal open settings in between formal negotiating sessions. This is essential because of the limited time we have and to provide an environment conducive to the creative thinking we will need to design a legally binding agreement for the post 2020 world.

- agreement on a timeline and key milestones between now and the end of 2015. Ultimately we would like to see the emergence of a single consolidated text. This text should be produced by the co-Chairs, based on the inputs of Parties, at the latest in early in 2015 to allow for subsequent negotiations leading to adoption at COP21 or sooner.
- acknowledgement that the workplan will need to be reviewed and further elaborated at appropriate moments between now and 2015.

The ADP submissions made to date contain a number of interesting ideas and areas of convergence on how to take the work forward. We would urge you to draw on these when guiding us to agreement on the workplan.

Designing a new agreement that will be fit for purpose beyond 2020 will require creative thinking, and as such the ability to make submissions or to participate in discussions, formal or informal, should not be limited exclusively to Parties.

### **Workstream on pre-2020 mitigation ambition**

In Bonn we initiated the workstream on pre 2020 mitigation ambition, consistent with decision 1/CP.17, as a separate workstream to the process towards the new protocol. It is key that these workstreams are kept separate but are mutually reinforcing in order to keep trajectories consistent with the 2°C target within reach.

We need to accelerate our efforts to enhance pre 2020 mitigation ambition and ensure that the ambition process delivers in Doha recommendations that build political momentum including by launching concrete complementary initiatives that will deliver action to close the gap.

To make this workplan deliver, we need to foster a shared understanding between Parties on key objectives and deliverables of the workstream to raise pre 2020 ambition and capture this in a workprogramme in Bangkok that includes a call for submission on different elements and further workshops to discuss options to raise ambition and identification of priorities/themes for the work in 2013.

We have submitted our detailed views on options and ways to enhance ambition and what steps could be taken by Parties to make Doha deliver on our submissions early this year<sup>1</sup>.

### **Organisation of work**

We would like to see the immediate formation of two contact groups in Bangkok - one corresponding to each of the workstreams. Whilst we might be open to an alternative approach, we see this as the simplest and least controversial way to get down to work without delay.

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<sup>1</sup> *Options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition*- Submission by Denmark and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and its Member States from March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

*Establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action Views on the work plan of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, including, inter alia, on mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, transparency of action, and support and capacity-building*- Submission by Denmark and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and its Member States from April 17th 2012



We think it essential that going forward both co-Chairs have co-ownership of all elements of the work of the ADP and how it is taken forward in practical terms.

We have full trust and confidence in you as to how to best take forward the work outlined above. We have already lost precious time. But the European Union and its 27 Member States look forward to working closely with you and our negotiating partners to ensure that we make rapid progress on both workstreams, leading to a balanced Doha package and a successful outcome at COP 18.

Yours sincerely,

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