

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

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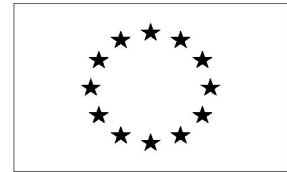
**Closing plenary on 13 June 2013**

Thank you Mr. co-Chairs, Madame Executive Secretary, distinguished delegates and colleagues. Good morning to you all.

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union, its 27 Member States and Croatia.

We have had good exchanges during the session, building on the spirit of positive engagement of our ADP meeting last month. In particular on workstream 1, we have had further discussions on the steps we need to take to get us from where we are now to adopting by 2015 a single, fair and comprehensive, legally-binding agreement under the Convention that is applicable to all Parties. The new agreement should be durable and dynamic, capable of evolving and facilitating strengthened action over time to enable us to meet our below 2°C goal. In particular, through the roundtables and workshops Parties have been able to discuss in more detail their ideas and share their expectations. They have emphasised the importance of upfront clarity regarding proposed mitigation commitments; the need for a period to assess whether commitments are individually fair and collectively ambitious enough; and the importance of adaptation and means of implementation. The time to 2015 is short and we must move forward with a sense of urgency.

On Workstream 2, we have acknowledged the urgent need to close the pre-2020 mitigation gap to keep the below 2°C goal within reach. We consider that the format of this session has allowed us to have more focussed discussions and get a deeper understanding of each other's positions. Parties have again shared experiences, good practice examples, identified opportunities and barriers and we have heard from external organisations and initiatives as well as considering the Secretariat technical paper. We have heard proposals building on the themes identified in the technical paper based on Parties' contributions with the aim of providing an input to Ministerial level discussions on mitigation ambition in Warsaw.



Our discussions here have provided much food for thought on both workstreams and we must take time to think and consider how we each can move forward towards Warsaw. As we have said previously, at COP 19 we want to achieve strong deliverables on implementation, substantive and tangible progress on pre-2020 ambition, and a clear pathway for adopting an ambitious legally binding Agreement in 2015. The format of roundtables and workshops has served us well and we would like to see that kind of engagement continue at COP19 alongside any move to a more formal mode. The work we have agreed to undertake between now and Warsaw will be useful to feed into Ministerial level discussions on both workstreams that will deliver the political engagement we need. On Workstream 1, we want to see decisions that capture progress on the scope, structure and design of the 2015 agreement as well as the process to deliver it. On workstream two we need a decision that sets out the need for new pledges; increasing the ambition of existing pledges; notes those areas of highest mitigation potential and sets out the role of the UNFCCC in catalysing, encouraging and recording action. COP19 must also provide a clear direction for our work in 2014 on both workstreams: we want to set the scene for a 'year of ambition', linked to the UN Secretary General's initiative.

Finally the EU has proposed a UNFCCC decision that calls upon the Montreal Protocol to phase down HFCs, which we think could contribute to reducing emissions from these powerful greenhouse gases cheaply and effectively, with developed countries taking the lead. We look forward to working with colleagues between now and Warsaw to develop solutions to this growing and urgent issue.

I would like to conclude by thanking you co-Chairs, for your guidance - we have found your stewardship to be at all times sure-footed, positive, stimulating and open; and we believe that the progress we have made in the last year can, in significant part, be linked to your enthusiasm, patience and good-humour. Of course, we look forward to working with the new co-Chairs, we are sure they will be equal to the task ahead and we offer our full support to them.

Thank you. We'll miss you and wish you well!