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Opening Statement SBSTA

Dear Madam Chair
Dear Colleagues

I have the honor to make this statement on behalf of the EIG group comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

We meet here today for our last meeting before the Paris COP.

At this stage the attention of the delegations might focus on the ADP process. Nevertheless I can assure you that the EIG members recognize the importance of Science and Technology as basis of our discussion and actions within UNFCCC.

We are committed to achieve progress in the different agenda items of SBSTA and would like to highlight the following areas:

We should continue our work to enhance the Nairobi Work Program by establishing the Technical and Knowledge Platform under the Cancun Adaptation Framework, which will be made operational by the Adaptation Committee, in order to become a means of scaling up adaptation benefits, adaptation practices and outcomes. The Nairobi Work Program still offers enormous potential to liaise with other organizations that are doing valuable work on adaptation of climate change.

Reducing emissions of deforestation and forest degradation as well as promoting conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks are important elements of the efforts to combat global warming. The Warsaw Framework for REDD+ provides the necessary methodological basis to spur progress in these efforts and now is a crucial time to advance in its implementation. Forests provide both mitigation and adaptation benefits, and REDD+ has the potential to generate non-carbon benefits during its operation. Countries are building on experiences based on the framework and are in the course of identifying and defining how to best generate these non-carbon benefits and integrate them in their national REDD+ processes in a way that is consistent with their particular contexts and circumstances.

In the field of agriculture, EIG member states are looking forward to the two workshops the secretariat prepared on issues related to early warning systems in relation to extreme weather situations as well as to the question of the vulnerability of agricultural systems. We consider this work to be fundamental for a fruitful discussion on adaptation in the field of agriculture.

The EIG expects in-depth discussions on markets and non-markets and will work toward significant progress on substantial issues such as elaborating on environmental integrity and accounting.

The EIG is looking forward to a constructive and in-depth dialogue with all parties and stakeholders on the reporting of climate finance at the joint in-session workshop of SBSTA, SBI and the SCF within the mandate provided by SBSTA and the COP in Lima. We thank the secretariat for the hard work in preparing the technical paper and compiling the views of various parties and

agencies and hope they will add to our understanding of the different climate finance reporting approaches.

The member countries of the Environmental Integrity Group have been actively involved in the proceedings of the Review since its inception. We have much appreciated the on-going exchange with other Parties. At the same time, the Structured Expert Dialogue on the 2013–2015 Review has greatly benefitted the work on the review. The EIG is of the opinion that the final report of the SED co-facilitators, published on 4 May 2015, does not only summarize adequately and in a factual manner all what has been considered and discussed during the SED, but also considers the report to be a most welcome and useful basis for the joint SBI/SBSTA contact group. The EIG looks forward to working with all other Parties towards a completion of the review at this session of SBSTA.

Let me close by reiterating the willingness of the EIG member states to work with you, Madam Chair, and to engage in a meaningful dialogue with all the other delegations.

Thank you, Madame Chair.