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**Secretary-General,  
President Calderon,  
Excellencies,  
Madam Chair,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

**Let me start by thanking the Government  
of Mexico.**

**For hosting COP16 here in Cancun.**

**And for a broad and inclusive process  
leading up to this important meeting.**

**I also want to thank my friend President Calderon and the COP President, Minister Espinoza for their strong *personal* engagement.**

**In guiding this process - and this meeting - towards a successful outcome.**

**An outcome which takes us forward - substantially - in our common efforts to avoid dramatic climate changes.**

**Securing progress here in Cancun is a responsibility that lies with all of us.**

**A consensus based process requires that  
*all* countries**

**- both developed and developing –  
show responsibility and willingness to  
compromise.**

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**This is a challenging meeting.**

**But it *is* within our reach to agree on a  
package of decisions.**

**A package of decisions that takes us  
forward,**

**and that lays the foundation for a  
comprehensive climate agreement.**

**Indeed, if we do *not* use this meeting to  
move forward together,  
we have not only lost an important  
opportunity.**

**We have also lost precious time.**

**And we risk losing the confidence of the  
world.**

**That we are *at all* capable  
of pulling together  
to meet the challenge of climate change.**

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**The outcome from Cancun must be a balanced package of decisions.**

**It must respect the interests and perspectives of *all* parties.**

**It should cover all the key elements.**

**Including mitigation, MRV, adaptation, financing and deforestation.**

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**Climate financing is one of the key elements.**

**Climate financing is not only about funding.**

**It is also about balancing economic interests and responsibilities.**

**And of creating trust between countries at all levels of development.**

**In Copenhagen, the developed countries agreed to mobilise one hundred billion US dollars per year for climate actions in developing countries by twenty-twenty (2020).**

**This commitment was made in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency of implementation.**

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**Together with Prime Minister Meles I had the honour to chair the Secretary General's Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing.**

**We were asked to study *how* the one hundred billion can be mobilised.**

**Our report concludes that it is challenging but feasible to reach this target.**

**There is, however, no single solution.**

**No single source.**

**Reaching the target will require a**

***combination of:***

- **Scaling up existing *public* instruments**
- **Implementation of *new public* instruments**
- **And increased *private* green investments in developing countries.**

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**The report underlines the importance of putting a price on carbon.**

**Pricing carbon emissions has a *double* climate effect:**

**It represents a huge potential source of revenue for climate actions in *developing countries*.**

**And it provides incentives for reducing emissions in *developed countries*.**

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**Here in Cancun we should agree to establish a Green Fund.**

**And agree on a process for how to fund the Fund.**

**I hope that the Advisory Group's report will be of value in this process.**

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**The other key area I would like to address is deforestation.**

**Deforestation in the developing world accounts for about 15 per cent of total global emissions.**

**More than all the world's ships, cars, trains and planes combined.**

**Reducing deforestation and forest degradation can provide the largest, fastest and cheapest cuts in global emissions.**

**It will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to limit global warming to 2 degrees without a significant reduction in deforestation.**

**Since Copenhagen, more than 70 countries have come together to form a partnership to stop deforestation, and also to ensure the rights of indigenous peoples.**

**More than 4 billion US dollars have been pledged.**

**We now need to secure this progress in a formal decision under the Climate Convention.**

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**Ladies and gentlemen,**

**It is extremely important that we make substantial progress here in Cancun:**

***Both* for the battle against climate change and for the confidence in the negotiation process.**

**The task before us in the next couple of days is therefore to agree on a balanced package of decisions.**

**This should include a framework for a Green Fund and a mechanism for reducing deforestation.**

**If we manage to agree on a balanced package of decisions, Cancun will be a success and represent an important step forward in our common efforts to combat climate change.**

**(Norway will do all it can to bring about a successful outcome here in Cancun).**

**Thank you.**