

RINGO Statement –COP 16/CMP 6

A nombre de las organizaciones no gubernamentales independientes y de investigación (RINGOs), deseo felicitarle, a usted Señora Presidenta, por un trabajo ejemplar. Celebramos el papel que ha asumido México para apoyar el activo involucramiento de los grupos interesados en el proceso. Y agradecemos al equipo de apoyo y traductores del sistema de Naciones Unidas que han hecho nuestro trabajo posible.

The RINGOs, ladies and gentlemen, do not advocate anything but the use of sound science in YOUR endeavors. Against that background, we would like to make three points.

First, the RINGOs study all aspects of climate change, from the impacts of greenhouse gases to the social issues such as negotiation and decision-making processes, communication, and ethics. We feel we have a responsibility to communicate science to negotiators and civil society, we train new researchers at home and abroad, we collaborate globally on research, and we facilitate community engagement. We are agents of building innovation capabilities globally.

Second, the climate problem has been identified and extensively characterized. At all climate meetings, new research is presented that confirms but does not change the conclusion: There is a large gap between what is needed to prevent dangerous climate change and the current actions.

Third, we ask you to provide adequate support for collaborative research in developing countries, for example by implementing the R&D options endorsed by SBSTA last week. The research community is eager to contribute, but this needs to be enabled. Only strong international support can meet the information and innovation needs in developing regions.

We remind you in the words of the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Christiana Figueres, that science and policy must be woven together to create a

tapestry. Science must inform policy. The RINGOs play critical roles in that weaving process. Thank you for your attention.