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**President's informal stocktaking plenary**

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, COP 18/CMP 8 President**

**30 November 2012**

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your participation in this informal stocktaking plenary. I appreciate your willingness to work with us so that we all have a clear and precise view of the steps that we'll be taking together in the next few days. I have convened this meeting for one hour in order to allow groups to resume work at 7 pm. The purpose of this informal stocktaking plenary is to enhance openness and transparency, as well as to ensure that we all have an overview of how our work is advancing. I will convene a few more of these informal stocktaking plenaries on a regular basis.

We will use the time available to us to update you on the status of work in all bodies and take stock of where we are today. After updates on the status of work in all bodies, I will open the floor for brief three minute statements by groups so that we can finish by 7.

As I mentioned earlier this week, I have been working closely with the Chairs and Co-chairs of the SBs and AWGs and with the secretariat. I am under the overall impression that positive progress is being made in all bodies, even though not all at the same pace. Broadly speaking, issues have been moving well. Most meetings have been able to finish on time, and conversations have largely been held in a constructive atmosphere. I was pleased that delegations have been respecting the three minutes time limit as it has allowed for the immediate launch of work in all the bodies. I thank you all for this.

The COP and the CMP have launched a number of contact groups and I am informed that progress is being achieved. More details will be available next week. We are expecting to see the results in the coming days of the SBSTA and SBI tomorrow, at their closing plenaries on Saturday, 1 December. Work under the AWGs is moving.

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Having heard the calls from the Chairs on the need for early engagement of Ministers, let me assure you that I intend to engage Ministers early next week. I call on negotiators to advance work as far as possible by Monday. I intend to be active in the second week to ensure a successful delivery of the deal on Friday. Ministerial-level representatives from all over the world will be arriving this weekend in Doha. Starting early next week, we should capitalise on their presence here, to provide the necessary political resolution to enable several key issues to advance.

I encourage us all to strive to ensure that negotiations will continue to proceed smoothly, providing the utmost support to the Chairs and Co-Chairs, always and whenever requested. My role is to support their Chairs and Co-Chairs in their endeavours and ensure that the atmosphere of openness, transparency and inclusiveness prevails in this party-driven process.

We are five days into the negotiations. The conditions are evolving to put in place a balanced package of decisions for adoption by the COP and CMP next week. Next week, here in Doha, is our moment to make the deal that the world is expecting us to make. As I have said before, we have very limited time. Let us work in a spirit of solidarity and focus our energies on seeking creative but pragmatic approaches and solutions.

We have a precious opportunity over the coming days to strengthen the multilateral process on climate change, so we must take a full advantage of it. Now is the time for us to be bold in our thinking and creativity, respecting our national positions, but at the same time, and more importantly, to address the imperative of delivering on the global threat of climate change. A level of creativity, finding compromise, finding common ground, and finding solutions. Let us not wait until the final hour of Friday to reach agreement. I believe that we can complete the package before the end of this conference. Success is only achievable with the commitment by all to an open, transparent and inclusive process.

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My Presidency will continue to honour these principles as we move into week 2 of discussions, and our count down to Friday. I will strive for an early conclusion of our business on Friday. I would like to close this meeting with a view to completing work on time in the subsidiary bodies. I remind you that I plan to conduct another informal stocktaking plenary on Monday. I thank you all very much for your support, and your commitment to addressing this global challenge. I look forward to engaging with you all in the days ahead.