

Statement of the Minister of Environment of LITHUANIA

Honorable Ministers,

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me start with the reiteration of the importance of Lima conference and appreciation of the hospitality of Peru.

Today I would like to express my full support to COP President and his team in their attempts to ensure the significant progress before Paris.

Lithuania has around three million of inhabitants and is responsible for less than 0.05 percent of global annual greenhouse gas emissions. Nevertheless, Lithuania has shown its political will and took legally binding national climate change mitigation targets. Since 1990 Lithuania has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 56 percent and at the same time ensured decoupling of economy growth from emissions.

We have adopted the long term National Low Carbon Development and Adaptation Strategy and its Implementation Action Plan. Concrete actions have been already taken to ensure the implementation of adaptation and mitigation targets.

We have launched ambitious programs for modernization of public and multi-apartment buildings, for improvement of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources. Lithuania uses 23 percent of renewables in final energy consumption and annually increases energy efficiency by 1.5 percent.

We have established the Special Climate Change Program. 100 percent of revenues from emission trading are allocated to it and more than 120 million US dollars have been used for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects up to date.

As European Union Member State we are committed to continue our efforts to fight climate change and to contribute our fair share to the New Climate Agreement.

We have to demonstrate responsibility we feel for our planet and its future. We have to take effective individual actions and to find efficient global solutions to fight climate change. In this context I would like to encourage all Parties to communicate their intended nationally determined contributions in line with the Warsaw timetable.

It is of the highest importance to adopt a global legally binding agreement, applicable to all, by 2015 at the latest.

Thank you!