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Your Excellency the President of COP20,

Your Excellencies Heads of States and Governments here present,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen

Mr. President

Namibia extends its warm appreciation to the Government and people of Peru for the kind hospitality extended to my delegation since our arrival in this beautiful city of Lima. We look forward to constructively engage and contribute to the discussions and ensure that COP20 is a resounding success with balanced outcomes that would give hope to our aspirations in our endeavor to address challenges posed by climate change.

Mr. President,

The Twentieth Conference of Parties should pave way to key decisions that put climate change action at the fore-front of

our developmental processes and giving hope to our future generations.

As we are all aware, the African continent accounts for less than 4 per cent of the aggregate global emissions yet it is the very same continent that has been identified in the Convention as most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change. The continent like other developing regions relies mainly on rain fed agriculture, fisheries, and tourism for its economic growth. These sectors are adversely affected by the negative impacts of climate change. This situation undermines our efforts to achieve our national economic development goals and threaten food security in our countries.

Distinguished delegates

We believe there is enough of scientific evidence to prove that we are on a wrong path to save the planet from global warming. We all know what needs to be done to keep global average temperature below 2 degrees Celsius. However, our mitigation efforts are far less than what is needed by science.

Namibia is specifically concerned about the lack of political will to adequately arrest global warming. We are convinced

that developed country Parties need to scale up their level of mitigation efforts, if we are to succeed in our efforts.

Mr. President,

Namibia notes with deep concern that only two of Annex 1 Parties have so far ratified the Doha Amendments which operationalise the second commitment period to the Kyoto Protocol.

Of equal concern is the reluctance of developed countries to review their joint mitigation efforts and align them to the achievement of the global temperature goal of 2 Degrees Celsius. We therefore would like to see Annex 1 Parties observing and respecting their commitments as provided for under the UNFCCC. In particular, the principle of common but differentiated responsibility and respective capability and that of equity.

As developing country parties, our mitigation efforts are dependent on the support of means of implementation including finance, technology transfer and capacity building from developed country Parties, who caused global warming.

Mr. President,

We call on Annex-1 Parties to ratify the Doha Amendments to the Kyoto Protocol and take lead to put down their mitigation pledges for the 2015 agreement in Paris.

While we welcome the financial pledges to the Green Climate Fund, we would like also to urge developed countries to provide a clear schedule on how to mobilize the US\$ 100 billion for the capitalization of the Green Climate Fund between now and 2020.

Mr. President

We need to move forward, and effectively implement the UNFCCC's decisions. Namibia remains committed to tackling the climate change phenomenon. We believe in swift implementation of UNFCCC decisions and this is demonstrated by our commitment to be the first non-annex 1 party to submit the first Biennial Update Report (BUR), in line with the decisions taken during COP 16 and 17. This, indeed, is a clear testimony that Namibia is committed to implement the objectives of the Convention.

The findings, from the BUR, showed that Namibia remained a net greenhouse gas (GHG) sink in 2010 with the sink capacity increased compared to the year 2000 and 1994.

Despite the fact that Namibia is a sink, the Republic of Namibia has integrated climate change mitigation in its national development agenda and it has over the years implemented activities to further reduce its emission and increase its sink. I am happy to inform you that Namibia is currently busy formulating its first Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs), on solar rural electrification.

Mr. President, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen

Climate change knows no border; it affects all citizens on earth. The cost of inaction to, adequately, address climate change will be higher than our short-term economic benefits. The time to take meaningful and proactive steps against the adverse impacts of climate change is now, here in Lima.

Finally, Mr. President

We believe that Paris will be a defining moment of whether or not we can successfully tackle global warming. Paris would put up a test whether or not we are truly a nations united in common solidarity. Paris would be a test to prove whether or not we can save the lives of our future generations on this Planet.

Let us have clear agreed targets before Paris.

I thank you