

OPENING REMARKS

Your Excellencies,
President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia,
President of the Republic of Nauru,
President of the General Assembly of the United Nations,
Distinguished Ministers,
Dear delegates,

On behalf of the President of Peru, Ollanta Humala, who will address the plenary tomorrow morning, let me welcome you to COP20/CMP10, welcome you to Peru, welcome you to action.

This is a crucial week for our common endeavor against climate change. Before this Conference, we had received many important good signals: historic announcements by some of the major emitting countries; a successful Climate Summit in New York, with great public participations; an auspicious first capitalization of the Green Climate Fund; a crucial new report of the International Panel on Climate Change.

Taking stock of these good signals, in the first week of the Conference, together we have generated a positive spirit, what we want to call the Lima Spirit. This week, we need to maintain or even raise that spirit to achieve the outcomes the world is waiting from us.

Today, tomorrow and Friday are crucial for the world. This is why I am monitoring very closely the current work of our Conference, in particular within the Durban Platform. I am assessing its progress continuously. Let me tell you that, in close coordination with both Co-Chairs, I am ready to take the necessary decisions to allow all of you to intensify your work to ensure concrete outcomes this week.

Dear Ministers, dear negotiators, Peru is known for its mysteries and ancient legends. And it is a land of many dreams. I ask you to help us fulfill in Lima the dream of a successful COP. Even if this means that you sleep less in the next days!

Your Excellencies, honorable Presidents, we are honored to have you here. We are very grateful that you have decided to support Peru and the success of this Conference.

Thank you.