

Dear Chairs, dear Ministers, dear Ambassadors, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Hungary would like to associate itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU and its 28 Member States.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the plenary. I would like to share with you the following views of Hungary encouraging a successful outcome of the Lima conference towards the way to the Paris agreement.

The latest findings of the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC AR5) based on science made it clear that global warming is imminent. The IPCC points out, the faster we act, the less negative emissions are needed to stay below the 2°C ultimate goal of the Framework.

Past and future are our strongholds, but we have to act in the present. The Business As Usual approach is outdated, so I urge Parties, to set aside their differences and work together constructively under the ADP.

The IPCC AR5 also shows, that we need to reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases by at least 50% by 2050 compared to 1990. Our country within the EU agreed to reduce its total emissions by at least 40% by 2030. The joint fulfilment of this target will be realised by taking into account different economic situations of EU Member States, which well shows the power of regional cooperation. By this we also vision a new agreement where all parties have mitigation commitments with reinforced existing adaptation commitments and supported by a strong rules based regime.

Hungary is putting relevant policies in place in high mitigation potential areas such as energy efficiency improvements of the residential buildings, and renewable energy financed by the Green Investment Scheme.

National, regional and international policies help us to do our share keeping us on track to achieve that the global temperature increase stays below 2°C relative to pre-industrial levels and promotes a sustainable development pathway. Development of new technologies is not easy, through bilateral and international cooperation it is achievable. Hungary is open to share its expertise in relevant fields, such as water management and energy efficiency.

The new agreement should be a single global legally binding agreement preferably in the form of a new Protocol, applicable to all, by 2015. To ensure this, we have to follow the timetable agreed in Warsaw and work together constructively on the way to Paris.

Thus all major emitters have to come forward with their intended nationally determined contributions by the first quarter of 2015. The EU and its Member States are already working on our INDCs. We also welcome the US and China latest announcements, and hope that we could see these under the new global agreement.

To support this work, we have to agree on the elements of the new agreement and on up front information requirements in Lima. We have to leave behind our outdated differences and work together constructively to adopt an ambitious new global agreement which tackles the issues of climate change and promotes sustainable development.

Dear Ministers and Distinguished Delegates, as a statesman I understand the concerns about economies, competitiveness, population and political situation of your own countries. However I have to remind our collective responsibility, which is well presented by the words of Marshall McLuhan:

„There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew.”

Thank you for your time and thank you for listening!