

Mr President

Let me start by supporting the statement by Sudan on behalf of the Africa Group.

On behalf of my delegation from South Africa and on behalf of the BASIC Group Coordination, we want to join other Parties in congratulating you for all the hard work that you have done for the past two weeks of during this Conference. Mr President, you have succeeded in leading a fair and transparent process. For this achievement, we want to congratulate you.

We would like to thank the Co-Chairs for the excellent work that they have done on your behalf.

There are parts of this Draft Decision that may not have satisfied many of us. There are parts that we think could still be strengthened. However, we accept this text. It is our view that this text on the Lima “call for climate action”, manages to strike a delicate balance between very difficult issues of interest to all Parties. We thank other Parties for their constructive engagement which has led to the outcome that is now in front of us.

We have all worked very hard here in Lima.

As our beloved father Nelson Mandela always said:

“We must use time wisely and forever realise that the time is always ripe to do right. And, he reminded us further that “it always seems impossible until it is done.”

A solid foundation has been laid here in Lima, for us
Mr President, as we make our way back to our countries, we leave Lima satisfied, celebrating the gains that we have made.

Again, thank you for preparing a firm basis for a successful outcome in Paris in 2015.