



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA  
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**Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished representatives,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China

1. Let me express our Group's appreciation for the hospitality of Peru and its people and to the Peruvian government for your commitment in organizing this conference.

**Mr. President,**

2. The Group underlines the work achieved in Lima as essential to the adoption of the 2015 agreement in Paris. The Group reiterates that the 2015 agreement must be under the Convention and based on its principles and provisions related to commitments and responsibilities with regard to mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation, in particular the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. The 2015 agreement should treat the elements of mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building and transparency of action and support in a balanced manner and on an equal footing. The provisions of the 2015 agreement should focus on enhanced action related to the six core elements.

3. The Group wishes to stress the importance of the following 5 issues as key for the 2015 agreement:
  1. Underscore the importance of the principles and provisions of the Convention in the 2015 Agreement, in particular equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. The agreement shall be under the Convention.
  2. Be consistent with the Convention, including the differentiation between developed and developing countries Parties.
  3. Adaptation and Loss and Damage are key to the 2015 agreement and must be given their due space.
  4. Finance, technology and capacity building are essential for the 2015 agreement, and it must be clear that developed countries shall provide finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support to developing countries.
  5. The agreement must have a vision consistent with achieving sustainable development and poverty eradication.
4. Attempts to replace, redefine, rewrite, renegotiate or reinterpret the Convention and its principles and provisions will complicate and delay the process.

**Mr. President,**

5. We welcome the full operationalization of the Green Climate Fund and urgently call for the significant capitalization of The Convention's financial mechanism with new, additional, adequate, sustained, accessible, and predictable funding by developed country Parties.
6. We appreciate the hard work invested during this COP on important issues related to adaptation, including National Adaptation Plans. While much remains to be done, we welcome the much needed progress. We also take note of the important steps achieved in Lima under the Warsaw

International mechanism for loss and damage associated with climate change impacts – the Executive Committee will play a key role in guiding the work of the Mechanism and we look forward to swift and significant results.

**Mr. President,**

7. On Response Measures, the Group expresses its disappointment over the outcome reached. As a Group we stress the importance of addressing this issue as a matter of urgency.

**Mr. President,**

8. We want to express to you our sincere appreciation for your leadership in guiding this COP.

**Thank you Mr. President.**

