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EIG SBSTA opening statement

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, the EIG, comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

We are pleased to work under your guidance on the numerous and important items that we have in front of us.

- On forest issues, the EIG looks forward to adopting here in Warsaw decisions related to the essential measuring and accounting rules which will drive action and ensure credibility in the forest sector. Supporting actions taken by developing countries to reduce emissions related to the forest sector is an essential step to reduce global emissions.
- Agriculture will need to adapt to the new conditions created by climate change. In this context, we consider that agriculture also offers in all countries an important potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and should therefore be considered as one of the important sectors for mitigation. Under adaptation and mitigation, there will be co-benefits for agriculture, including opportunities for increasing environmentally integer productivity.
- The EIG welcomes the discussions on enhancing transparency

and accountability of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed countries. These discussions should allow the measurement of progress towards reaching committed 2020 targets and ensuring comparability of effort.

- We look forward to hearing from ICAO and IMO on recent efforts to reduce emissions from the international aviation and maritime sectors, as well as from the representatives of the Montreal Protocol on ways to reduce emissions from synthetic gases, in particular those of HFCs.
- On markets and non-market approaches, the EIG has made extensive proposals on these matters and we look forward to making progress in clarifying elements, elaborating minimal common standards that will ensure environmental integrity and encouraging a prompt start of these mitigation activities.
- Adaptation is important to the EIG countries. We consider that the work under the Cancun Adaptation Framework should be strengthened, in particular implementing the Nairobi Work Program and the workplan of the Adaptation Committee.
- Under the Kyoto Protocol, we have to agree on items to operationalize and reinforce the second commitment period, including improvements in the modalities and procedures for the Kyoto mechanisms. We hope to conclude this work here in Warsaw. Such a progress is much expected since countries, including EIG countries, are in the process of ratifying the Doha amendment.
- On methodological issues, we look forward to strengthening the robustness, efficiency, and the transparency of MRV.
- Finally, Mr Chairman, the 2013–2015 Review must be advanced

swiftly at this session and the inputs on impacts and mitigation must be considered with the aim of conducting the review by 2015. In this context, the EIG welcomes the presentation of the report of Working Group I of the IPCC. The scientific information contained in this report is essential for the discussions on the review as well as on other matters related to mitigation and the post-2015 agreement.

Be assured, Mr. Chairman, of the constructive engagement of the EIG in this rich agenda, and count on our support.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

