

Thank you Mr President  
Distinguished Delegates

My name is Urszula Stefanowicz and I am speaking on behalf of the Polish Climate Coalition and the Employers Federation Polish Renewable Energy Forum.

Yesterday many of our colleagues, for the first time in history, decided to walk out of the negotiations. They did so on behalf of all of us, also those who stayed inside, to show disappointment with you, honorable delegates.

They did it because of their frustration after observing some developed countries backtracking on their commitments, some developing countries questioning crucial milestones on the way to the new climate agreement and the COP19 Presidency focusing on its own agenda, including supporting an inappropriate coal summit.

This COP is not delivering the outcomes we need. We need 2014 to be a year of ambition and change.

I'm speaking as a citizen of Poland, the host country. In Poland the Solidarity movement was crucial to breaking communist oppression. Five years ago, at COP14, Polish Prime Minister said that "climate protection requires a modern version of solidarity, a solidarity with future generations.

The Polish government demands solidarity but is not sharing it with others, definitely not with future generations. We are deeply disappointed with the performance of our government and our COP President during this meeting.

Polish government is not representing the Polish people. An overwhelming 80% of Poles want the Polish government to become more active in preventing dangerous climate change, over 60% wants support for renewable energy.

But the Polish government is not the only one to blame.  
We need 2014 to be a year of ambition for all Parties.