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**Excellency, the President of COP19/CMP 9 ,
Honorable Ministers and Heads of Delegations,
Excellencies,
Secretary General of UN
Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

I am immensely honoured to address this gathering on behalf of Rwanda.

It is my pleasure to add my voice to those of who have spoken before me to congratulate you, Mr President, for the excellent facilitation of this conference.

Allow me also to express my sincere appreciation to the people and the Government of Poland for the warm hospitality accorded to my delegation since our arrival in this beautiful City of Warsaw.

Rwanda extends her support and confidence in you Mr President and in Madam Christiana Figueres, The Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC in leading this Conference of Parties to successful conclusions in the lead - up to agreeing on a comprehensive climate regime in the next two years.

Let me also take this opportunity to express our solidarity to the Government and the people of Philippines for the trying moments they have going through due to the deadly and destructive typhoon.

Mr President,

We are all gathered here to follow the progress of the implementation of Doha Gateway which was achieved in COP18. Furthermore, we recognize that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. It represents a daunting and irreversible threat to our planet and to human societies and their natural environment.

We note with concern the report of Working Group I of IPCC entitled “Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis”. It has reminded us that the climate systems, including the atmosphere and ocean have warmed and sea level has risen with negative implications and projections for the whole planet.

Mr President,

As our countries will ineluctably continue to experience extreme climate change impacts, we reiterate that all parties should join and ratify the Doha amendments to the Kyoto Protocol. This requires us to address all outstanding issues. These include the increment of the level of ambition, carry-over of Assigned Amount of units as well as submission of commitment on QELROs. This will not only help to stabilize global average temperature below 2 °C above pre- industrial level but also save the vulnerable countries like ours. The process is starting very imminently, as far as Rwanda is concerned.

Mr President,

Rwanda has taken a proactive approach in mainstreaming the Environment and Climate Change in our long term national development blue print, Vision 2020, which also provides for short and medium term strategies and specific actions towards achieving sustainable economic development. Our most recent move in this connection is the operationalization of the Fund for the Environment and Climate Change (FONERWA) to facilitate the implementation of the national cross- sectoral green growth and climate resilience strategy.

Let me use this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to our development partners, notably DFID, that have provided substantial support for its establishment. In this regard, we strongly request that the

agreed upon climate finance mechanisms be given the necessary capacity to support national initiatives aimed at building systemic climate resilience and sustainable development, keeping in mind the post 2015 global perspectives

Mr President,

Rwanda wholeheartedly supports the very strategic proposal from His Excellency Ban Ki Moon, the UN Secretary General to convene a Summit meeting in September 2014, to take stock of the progress made in laying a foundation for a comprehensive and legally binding Climate Agreement in 2015, and to identify the most appropriate channels to succeed in that regard. From Warsaw, we are compelled to work tirelessly to ensure that most of the substantive matters requiring our synergies are properly addressed, so that the Summit in New York has strong grounds to outline the necessary political guidance for that Agreement to be agreeable to all our Nations, with no exception at COP 21.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to conclude my remarks by reiterating Rwanda's firm commitment to being part of the global fight to tackle the climate change challenges to global socio- economic development. We impress upon all parties here present to resolutely embark on the next critical step to deliver on the needed clarity and selflessness to be able to agree on a beneficial climate compatible development framework.

Thank you / Dziękuję