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- The President of the Nineteenth Session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, His Excellency Mr. Marcin Korolec,
- The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Ms. Christiana Figuerres,
- Heads of Delegations,
- Distinguished delegates

On behalf of the Zambian delegation, allow me to join other speakers who have spoken before me in congratulating you, on your election as President of COP 19. I also wish to thank your government and the people of Poland for the warm hospitality my delegation has enjoyed since our arrival in this beautiful city of Warsaw.

From the outset, I wish to assure you of Zambia's total support in ensuring that this Conference succeeds in delivering tangible outcomes, which will help save our planet.

Let me also, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia, express our deepest sympathy to the people of the Republic of Philippines on loss of life as a result of the typhoon Haiyan.

Mr. President,

Allow me to outline our specific expectations from COP 19

1. Commencement of concrete works under the Ad hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform to develop a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties;
2. A clear pathway and strategy on how to mobilise long term finance as well as approaches for mobilising scaled up climate finance to \$100 billion per year by 2020; and,
3. An agreement on institutional mechanisms to address loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.

Mr. President,

Zambia, like other developing countries including the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDs), believes that the Nineteenth Session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change presents another opportunity for Parties to demonstrate their commitment to tackle the global problem of climate change.

Addressing the global problem of climate change requires provision of means of implementation including technology, finance and capacity building.

This Conference needs to provide political reassurance and deliver significantly on the means of implementation, as a confidence building measure.

It is our expectation that the outcome at this important Conference will respond to the urgent needs of Africa and other developing countries, and in the process reaffirm the international community's recognition and continued support for the multilateral process.

Mr. President

My Government is also cognizant of the fact that the launching of a process to develop a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention was an important milestone in the history of the negotiations. It presents an opportunity to the global community to deliver a tangible product in 2015 that will safeguard the planet.

In this regard, the Warsaw Conference needs to immediately commence actual works on the development of a new agreement under the Convention and deliver the negotiation text in Lima, Peru.

Zambia wishes to reiterate that the elements of the new agreement should reflect the principles and the provisions of the Convention, including the principle of Common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and equity.

It should be based on science, ensure equitable access to sustainable development and sharing of atmospheric space and resources, taking into account cumulative historical responsibility.

Mr. President,

The success of the negotiations on the Convention will depend on commitments agreed by the Parties on finance, adaptation, mitigation, technology and capacity building.

On adaptation, we note the progress that has been made towards the implementation of the Cancun Adaptation Framework through establishment of the Adaptation Committee and implementation of their work plan. The other major achievement include an agreement on a work programme to consider approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

The Warsaw conference, therefore, needs to finalise the modalities for full implementation of the work plan of the Adaptation Committee to ensure that the Committee plays its role in facilitating the implementation of adaptation projects and programmes at country level. Furthermore, we expect the developed Country Parties to scale up the provision of sustainable financial resources, technology and capacity-building to support the implementation of adaptation actions in developing countries in accordance with the provision of the Convention.

Mr. President,

Financing both adaptation and mitigation requires huge amounts of resources, which should be made readily available to the most vulnerable developing countries. It is our considered view that this Conference needs to deliver substantial long term financing for climate change through the capitalisation of the Green Climate Fund.

We therefore, call upon the Developed Country Parties to seriously commit to mobilising long term finance as well as provide approaches for scaling up climate finance to \$100 billion per year by 2020.

Mr. President,

In order for the most vulnerable countries like Zambia to effectively address the challenges of climate change, our actions have to be enabled by access to technology. Issues of intellectual property rights continue to be the main barrier to development and transfer of technology. We therefore, wish to reiterate the urgent need to address the issue of technology transfer, including the identification and removal of all barriers preventing access to climate-related and friendly technologies.

Mr. President,

The important role of forests in mitigating emissions from land use change cannot be over emphasised. Forests have the potential to significantly contribute to emissions if not well managed. While acknowledging the important role of forests in mitigating emissions, they also play a critical role in supporting the socio-economic development of the Country.

It is therefore, important that we address immediate trade-offs and provide sufficient incentives for forest dependent communities for managing their forests and land use properly.

To this effect, future mechanism addressing this sector needs to be broad and should focus on empowering forest dependent communities economically and not only narrowly focusing on reducing emissions.

As I conclude Mr. President, I wish to assure you of Zambia's commitment in supporting your presidency during your tenure and also as we prepare for COP 20.

I thank you.

