



Statement delivered

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And the

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Your Excellency, President of the 18th Session of the Conference of Parties,

Your Excellencies, Head of States and Governments

Secretary General of the United Nations,

Honourable Ministers,

Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC Secretariat,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

Greetings, Fakaalofa lahi atu,

Mr President,

On behalf of the Premier of Niue Island, i wish to express our most sincere gratitude to you and the Government of Qatar for the warm hospitality extended to our delegation at this Conference.

Mr President,

As political leaders we have failed to take action and make decision which will bind us together.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions continue to increase, global temperatures continue to rise and sea levels continue to rise.

With Extreme events becoming more frequent.

How many more reports do we need from Governments, consultants, civil society to state the obvious? The world's climate is changing.

The biggest risk factor to climate change at the moment is the lack of political will. We need the political will to **act** together and act decisively now

It is not my intention to be dramatic but to emphasise what has been mentioned by earlier delegates, calling for the need for a second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol.

Without a Second commitment period, it erodes our confidence in the systems in place and erodes our confidence in future actions needed to combat the effects of climate change.

We need to mobilise long-term sustainable finance and also have in place a mechanism to address Loss and Damage in vulnerable countries as a result of the adverse impacts of climate change.

Mr President,

Let me take this opportunity to also acknowledge and thank the Global Environment Facility for the ongoing support for initiatives on Niue. To the Governments of Japan, Australia, China and the European Union, Thank you for your assistance in helping us in our Adaptation and Mitigation efforts in combating Climate Change. Despite our small emissions contribution, we are all in this together and we also play our part no matter how small we are.

Mr President,

I acknowledge and thank you and your country for being such generous hosts of this meeting.

Let this Doha meeting shape our immediate and future climate change actions and not erode our ambitions, to save our planet. Thank you.

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