

COALITION FOR RAINFOREST NATIONS
CLOSING STATEMENT TO THE PLENARY OF ADP 2.2

Bonn, 13 June 2013

Thank you Mr. Co-chair,

PNG has the honor to speak on behalf of the 52 countries of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, of which the following have endorsed this statement: *Bangladesh, Belize, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Panama, Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Togo, Uganda and Vietnam*

Mr. Co-Chair, we support the statement made by the distinguished delegate from the Republic of Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Co-chair, at the outset let me express our appreciation for your dedication as co-chairs. You have set the bar high, thankfully, and we are on solid ground for future work.

Mr. Co-chair, the agreement to be reached by 2015 should be applicable to all Parties, be Party driven, be underpinned by the best science, and be based on the principles of the Convention. Further, it should be adequately informed by the work of other bodies under the Convention and include, among its key elements, a REDD+ mechanism to be fully supported by a broad variety of financing sources, with a leading role by developed country Parties.

Mr. Co-chair, on the pre-2020 ambition track we again call for developed country Parties to assume leadership by increasing and enhancing their greenhouse gas reduction commitments, as required by the Convention. Developing country Parties, in particular rainforest nations, are prepared to contribute significantly to the fight against climate change.

Mr. Co-chair, REDD+ has the potential to contribute significantly to the mitigation gap that all of humanity must achieve. To make this happen, new and additional financial and technical support for the implementation of REDD+ activities should be provided by developed country Parties so that REDD+ countries can voluntarily and meaningfully contribute to the emission reductions demanded by the latest science.

Mr. Co-chair, on the way forward to Warsaw we appreciate the value of the open and frank exchange of views among Parties under the round-table format. Furthermore, we feel that it will allow Parties under the new co-chairs to undertake a more focused mode of work under a Contact Group format as of the next meeting.

Mr. Co-chair, we must start to engage in direct negotiations as soon as possible. The 2015 deadline for the envisaged legally binding agreement must not be missed for any reason. Therefore, we support the call for at least one additional session to be held in 2014.

Finally Mr. Co-Chair, let me assure you that the Coalition is ready and keen to continue working and engaging with all Parties in this process so that a new and ambitious, global climate change agreement is established by 2015.

Thank you Mr. Co-chair