STATEMENT BY REPUBLIC OF UGANDA ON ADP 2.2 CLOSING

PLENARY

BONN, 13 JUNE 2013.

Thank you Co-Chairs.

Distinguished colleagues,

The Republic of Uganda fully associates itself with the Statements made by the Kingdom of Swaziland on behalf of the African Group, Nepal on behalf of the LDCs, the Republic of Fiji on behalf of G77 and China as well as Papua New Guinea on behalf of the Coalition of Rain Forest Nations.

Mr. Co-Chair, Uganda recognizes the solid foundation set for the future work of the ADP and in this respect, I wish to express our deep appreciation to you Co-Chairs for this spirit.

Mr. Co-Chair, Uganda strongly emphasizes the urgency to register steady progress in the work of the two Work Streams of ADP to avoid the long 'gestation period' experienced in finalizing the mandate under the Bali Action Plan that sought to conclude its work by COP 15.

Mr Co-Chair, on the work of the ADP, Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 4, is clearly instructive. There are only 930 days remaining as of today before Parties deliver a new international climate agreement to hold the global temperature rise to below 2 degrees centigrade as required by science to protect the sanctity and survival of humanity as well as to ensure meeting the demands of the ever-increasing mouths on Mother Earth. Short of this, we will forever be condemned as criminals in the annals of history.

Mr.Co-Chair, while modest progress has been observed in generating some common views on a number of issues under the 2 work streams, we reiterate our strong call to work towards closing the 10 Gigaton gap pre-2020 and to have a balanced approach between Mitigation and Adaptation. We therefore support the draft Conclusions of this ADP 2.2 and hope that the 2 technical papers to be produced by the Secretariat will advance the work of the ADP at Warsaw from the workshops and round tables modes to actual negotiation texts.

Finally, Parties may wish to acknowledge that history is the best teacher. Let us reflect the fact the AWG-LCA and AWG-KP only closed in Doha last year 3 years later than 2009 when it should have delivered and closed. ADP therefore should not deliver its concrete outcomes past 2015 if we are to respect our past decisions. Let us all walk the talk for the good of humanity now and in many generations to come.

Thank you Mr. Co-Chair.