

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES

The Resumed Second Session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP 2.2)

Opening plenary on 4 June 2013

Thank you Mr. co-Chairs.

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union, its 27 Member States and Croatia.

Under the ADP decisions in Durban and Doha, we agreed to work towards a single, fair and comprehensive, legally-binding agreement under the Convention that is applicable to all Parties by 2015. We acknowledged the urgent need to close the pre-2020 mitigation gap to keep the below 2°C goal within reach.

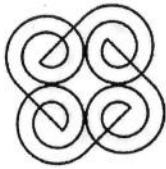
As we resume our work following the very positive and constructive engagement by all Parties in April, we agree with your assessment that the goals set out for that session were met. Now we need go one step further and urgently advance our work in order to fulfil the tasks we set ourselves in Durban - 2015 is around the corner. We must use this session to prepare for the outcomes we want to see in Warsaw.

Key objective for the session

Mr. co-Chairs, we fully support the goal of this session, set out in your informal note, to further focus our work in particular, by engaging on topics where differences can be bridged and where the common ground we've identified can be further expanded.

Under **workstream one**, we welcome the opportunity to further discuss the steps that we will need to take together to devise an agreement that includes mitigation commitments for all in such a way that is fair and reflects evolving economic realities and development opportunities for all Parties, consistent with the need to keep the global temperature increase below 2°C. The EU has recently made a submission that we hope provides ideas on how we could adopt an ambitious rules-based agreement in 2015.

In addition to getting a clearer picture on the process going forward, we will need to elaborate on the elements of the 2015 agreement in order to facilitate movement towards the preparation of draft text at the end of 2014. We need to make progress on this in Bonn, and Warsaw needs to capture this progress. In this regard, we support the elements you have identified for discussion in the roundtables and we welcome also the workshop on adaptation in the 2015 agreement as a means of gaining clarity on what outcomes Parties might like to see on this important issue.



We also welcome, and consider it appropriate at this joint session with the SBs, to look at how the 2015 agreement will connect with existing institutions under the KP and the Convention. The technical work being carried out in the SBs is vital to the on-going implementation of our agreements to date and will continue to be of significant importance in underpinning the elements of the 2015 agreement. It is important to build on what we have, but at the same time we must be efficient and not duplicate existing processes or institutions.

Under **workstream 2**, we need to continue our work on identifying concrete actions that will help us close the gap between what science tells us is required and the pledges put forward by Parties to date. We welcome the work done by the Secretariat in compiling the technical paper and the list of international cooperative initiatives and believe that these, along with the outcomes of the workshops held in the April session, form a solid foundation on which to build the work of this session. The EU and others have put forward ideas and proposals to further engage Parties in specific discussions on the technical paper and concrete outcomes for Warsaw. We look forward to sharing views and exploring options with all Parties on the basis on this information. In that context the EU just made a submission setting out further information for input into our discussions. The EU has also made a specific submission setting out a proposal for a COP decision in relation to phasing down HFCs under the Montreal Protocol.

In conclusion our hopes for Warsaw are to achieve strong deliverables on implementation, substantive and tangible progress on pre-2020 ambition, and a clear pathway for a draft negotiating text by COP 20 with the aim of adopting an ambitious legally binding Agreement in 2015. In the next two weeks we need to make the necessary progress to achieve this and for COP19 to set the scene for a 'year of ambition' in 2014 that will also engage leaders as part of the UN Secretary General's initiative. It will also be vital that we use the time we have between the end of this session and Warsaw wisely.

Mr. co-Chairs, we look forward to working with you and all of our negotiating partners this week.