

## Statement

### of the mountainous landlocked developing countries (Armenia, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan)

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**Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,**

Armenia has the honor to speak on behalf of the Group of the mountainous landlocked developing countries (MLDC) which also includes Afghanistan, Armenia and Tajikistan. *Kyrgyzstan*

Our group with satisfaction took a note of the results, of the April session, which facilitated intensive, open and constructive exchange of opinions, ideas and views.

It is getting obvious that we should start to undertake our utmost, introduce radical measures which are grounded on existing principles and provisions and targeting the ultimate goal of the Convention, *inter alia*, decrease emissions of greenhouse gases and facilitate adaptation to climate change.

Adaptation to climate change is a priority task to our group of countries due to high vulnerability of mountain ecosystems to climate change implications and their geographic location in the arid zone - with no access to the sea. The most vulnerable sectors for us are agriculture, water resources, natural ecosystems, biodiversity and hydroenergy.

The Group called for an urgent and broader application of the "ecosystem approach". As this approach, among other things, establishes favorable conditions to tackle uncertainties in running realistic forecasts of climate change implications and provides synergies with other global and regional environmental conventions.

However the concerns with regard to availability of relevant funding for adaptation purposes still remain. Price reduction in the carbon market makes us search for other alternative sources for the Adaptation Fund, to enable access of "other developing countries" to the adaptation financial sources vis-à-vis the specificity and vulnerability of countries' ecosystems.

Regarding the Law Carbon development mountainous landlocked developing countries considers the "common, but differentiate responsibility" to be maintained given the different levels of historical responsibility and geographic and development specifics.

Our group of countries with adequate financial and technical support from developed countries and following axiomatic and principles of the "green economy" are ready to take certain quantitative commitments not for reduction, but for limitation of the growth of greenhouse gas emissions relative to current emissions by gradually reducing the carbon intensity of GDP.

Presently our countries are at the stage of formulation and approval of our national plans on adaptation, the national strategies and the plans of action, targeting the decrease of greenhouse gases emissions by 2015.

The ecosystem approach in combination with concept of the green economy, adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Rio-de-Janeiro in June 2012, allows in many sectors to combine actions on mitigation with those on adaptation. This will significantly increase the effectiveness of actions to address climate change and therefore this approach deserves special attention and priority.

Finally, our Group stands ready to work with all member countries with the mutual understanding and cooperation to reach our common goals.

**Thank you for your attention**