

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

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Thank you Mr. Co-chairs,

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: *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-Chairs, 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-chairs, we came to Bonn determined to intensify our work, and we re-affirm our commitment to this objective. While we recognize the value of the open and frank exchange of views among Parties under the round-table format of last year, it is now time to shift gears. A single Contact Group should be established as soon as possible for each workstream so that transparency, inclusiveness and effectiveness are ensured and that clear decisions are adopted as to the structure and contents of the 2015 agreement due to come into force at the latest by 2020.

Mr. Co-chairs, the 2015 agreement should be applicable to all Parties, respect the principles of the Convention, take into account the latest scientific information and include, among its key elements, a REDD+ mechanism to be fully supported by developed country Parties.

Mr. Co-chairs, the current pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions presented by developed country Parties are far inadequate and insufficient. This is why the focus of the second contact group should be on identifying actions that can close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring that the highest possible mitigation efforts are undertaken by all Parties.

Mr. Co-chairs, REDD+ has the potential to contribute more than 15 percent to the global mitigation solution. For this reason, REDD+ actions must assume a primary role in enhancing the level of ambition. To fulfill this objective and promote the contribution of REDD+ actions in achieving global emission reductions targets, developed countries should provide financial and technical support to developing countries with the aim to quantify the mitigation potential of REDD+ activities.

Mr. Co-Chairs, we are ready, as usual, to cooperate with all Parties under your able leadership, with the view to finalize a robust and ambitious new regime for climate change before 2015.

Thank you Mr. Co-chairs.

