

ADP 2.2 – UG Opening Statement

Co-Chairs,

I have the privilege to speak on behalf of the Umbrella Group of countries: Canada, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the United States and Australia.

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When we met just over a month ago, we had open and productive conversations on the new global agreement, and on enhancing pre-2020 mitigation ambition.

These allowed us to make real progress understanding each other's interests and ideas for advancing a practical, ambitious global multilateral rules-based framework on climate change. As we said in May, we need solutions that can strengthen the UNFCCC legal framework for the challenges of a new century, and promote national action and development co-benefits.

We look forward to continuing discussion in the same spirit at this session. Our ideas are maturing, and areas of potential convergence are becoming more clear.

We look forward to further discussions, at this session, on the scope, structure and design of the new agreement, including issues such as:

- How we could define a spectrum of commitments,
- What elements could ensure the transparency, ambition and fairness of those commitments,
- What is the best way to promote and support implementation;
- How adaptation should be reflected in the new agreement, and
- Use of flexible mechanisms for meeting commitments.

On the ambition workstream, we would like to see, as we did at the meeting in May, concrete and practical discussion identifying where there is potential to scale up action to cut greenhouse gas emissions and the conditions that would help countries individually and collectively to do more.

We also hope the ADP discussions can help create an environment which encourages the 100-odd countries that have not yet made a 2020 pledge, to do so, and an environment that incentivises those with pledges to raise their ambition.

As we consider ways to raise mitigation ambition, we must continue to explore complementary initiatives alongside the UNFCCC, and use their potential for enhanced action on mitigation pre 2020. And we must continue engaging key non-Party actors, including representatives from sub-national bodies, civil society and the private sector, who are the key agents of action on the ground, to support Parties in their actions.

