



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES

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This is a statement on behalf of the European Union and its 28 Member States.

Dear Co-Chairs, Distinguished Colleagues, Dear Friends,

The EU would like to welcome the new co-Chairs. They have our full trust and we are confident that they will constructively take forward the excellent work of their predecessors.

The ADP achieved good progress in its sessions in Bonn this year. However, there is still much left to do, little time in which to do it and the imperatives for action could not be stronger. The recent IPCC Working Group 1 report gives us three clear messages : (i) climate change is happening; (ii) humans are the cause of climate change; (iii) and we need to act urgently and effectively if we are to avoid its worst effects.

In our discussions in Workstream 1 it is essential that we get deeper into the substance of the elements that Parties want to see included in the 2015 Agreement. These are: adaptation, means of implementation, transparency of action and support as well as mitigation. All these aspects need to be reflected in a fair and ambitious legally binding 2015 agreement. The agreement must be applicable to all Parties, to be adopted at COP21 as agreed and preferably take the form of a Protocol under the Convention. That Agreement must be ambitious enough to keep us on track for below 2 °C, catalyse adaptation action and lead us towards a climate resilient world. Parties have made submissions that provide us with useful input towards meeting those objectives that we will need to consider carefully in the coming days.

As well as making progress on the substantive elements of the 2015 Agreement, Warsaw must also set out the timeline and process to deliver the Agreement in Paris. The EU and other Parties have proposed ideas for a process to deliver ambitious mitigation commitments in the 2015 Agreement. In particular there has been significant interest in a so-called 'hybrid' approach that combines nationally proposed mitigation commitments with an international process to ensure those commitments are fair and ambitious, and enough to keep us on track for below 2°C. Warsaw needs to consider carefully the ideas presented by Parties. We also need to reach agreement here on the way forward including a timeline to prepare the proposed commitments in 2014. But it is clear that Parties need to also consider a process for how the other essential elements of the 2015 Agreement will be elaborated during 2014. In particular on adaptation, means of implementation and the set of rules, including an accounting framework.

All Parties have agreed to close the mitigation ambition gap before 2020. That was an essential element of the agreement reached in Durban. As such the work of Workstream 2 must result in an outcome here which takes forward specific options that consequently lead to tangible results. More particularly, in Warsaw we must agree on a process for considering new and enhanced pre-2020 mitigation pledges and accelerate the full implementation of existing pledges. A pledge is just that - a pledge. There must be no backtracking. In addition we must also identify areas of high mitigation potential in which concrete actions can be taken through voluntary international initiatives, and elaborate the role of the UNFCCC in facilitating, scaling up and supporting such initiatives. We welcome in particular the growing global momentum to phase down HFCs. We are preparing our own legislation to do so. And we believe it is time for climate leaders here in Warsaw to support these efforts.

A number of Parties have submitted ideas to take forward the task mandated to Workstream 2. Those submissions contain proposals that provide useful input into our discussions.

The EU looks forward to constructively working with co-Chairs and all Parties to make the best use of our time at this session and to set us on the right path in 2014. 2014 is a crucial year in the work of the UNFCCC and the year in which our leaders will convene for the first time since 2009 to specifically discuss climate change.

Thank you.