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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.

The Umbrella Group has been consistent and clear about what the ADP must deliver: a 2015 agreement that is meaningfully applicable to all Parties – establishing a common playing field for all countries to commit to post-2020 action – and an examination of practical options to raise global pre-2020 ambition.

To reach our goal we need to move away from the paradigms of the past, and look at how we can create conditions which drive cooperation, confidence and action, all with an appreciation of countries' national circumstances, aspirations and capabilities. Science tells us that it is urgent, and we need to enhance the global effort.

Co-Chairs, We are encouraged by the constructive discussions this year on the substance of the agreement. They have been helped by the trust Parties have shown in the ability of the previous co-chairs to fairly and productively guide our discussions. We are sure Parties will invest the same confidence in the leadership of our current co-chairs.

Much productive work has been carried out in the ADP this year. Through roundtables and workshops in workstream 1, Parties have begun to build an understanding of key elements of the 2015 agreement, including:

- The importance to countries of nationally determined commitments
- The need for clear ex-ante and ex-post transparency framework
- The need to consider how the 2015 agreement will best secure ambition, including through an up-front consultative process
- And the need for a 2015 package that strikes a balance between identifying mitigation as our first line of defence, recognising the reality of the need to adapt to the impacts of climate change now, and means of implementation to support effective mitigation and adaptation outcomes.

We need to take this work forward by using Warsaw to build momentum toward an effective 2015 agreement in Paris in which all countries contribute to the best of their abilities. We should continue mapping out the functional elements that will be part of a 2015 instrument and broader package. We will need to lay the groundwork for these elements to be brought together into a single, concise, clear negotiating text for next year.

At the same time, all countries should at home begin to consider the contribution they will make to global post-2020 action. We need to think further about how proposed commitments can be clearly defined through accompanying up-front

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information, allowing everyone to understand what countries propose to do. And we should consider how best to progress work on a transparency framework that supports commitments and gives Parties confidence in each other's actions.

In workstream 2, we have engaged constructively in conversations on initiatives to help enhance pre-2020 mitigation ambition, and heard many examples of action that is taking place. This includes cooperative actions outside of the UNFCCC to cut emissions – with the Umbrella Group supporting the Montreal Protocol to address the issue of envisaged phase down of HFCs. And every effort counts. To this end, we encourage countries that have not yet made a 2020 pledge – including 20 of the top 50 emitters – to do so.

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Alongside technical work in the ADP, we need to provide space for conversations to move forward on political aspects of our work. The planned High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on the Durban Platform is a valuable opportunity for these conversations to take place and help build the political will for a 2015 deal and enhanced action pre-2020. The UN Secretary General's summit next September will be a key moment in the political timeline to Paris.

We welcome you and entrust you to carry forward the work of the ADP. We look forward to a productive session here in Warsaw under your able stewardship.

Thank you.