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Mr. Co-Chairs,

This statement is made on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, the EIG, comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

Mr. Co-Chairs, we all have heard the very clear message from the IPCC. Climate Change is a fundamental threat to humankind. But this threat can be prevented. The newest reports of the IPCC have also shown that we do have the scientific knowledge, the technological possibilities and the economic means to keep global temperature increase below 2°. What is needed is to operationalize the political will which our ministers have expressed repeatedly. And this is why we are here, to work together to ensure that the ministers will have a sound basis for taking the needed decisions in Lima.

Mr. Co-Chairs, ADP is entering its final stage: by 2015 we must adopt a legally binding instrument effective from 2020 onwards that must be a comprehensive response to the urgent challenge of climate change, including mitigation, adaptation, means of implementation and building on transparency. To this aim, the ADP - under its workstream 1 - must develop by the end of 2014 a clean draft negotiation text. [The EIG agrees that the draft negotiation text should be construed collectively and be build upon the views expressed by Parties in submissions and in statements and in the negotiations. The best way to reflect all views is that you, Mr. Co-Chair, will prepare the draft text for negotiations.](#)

The EIG calls for a legally binding instrument with all Parties taking appropriate **mitigation** commitments which include clearly defined targets or actions, under the same rules but at different depths in terms of type of commitment, timing, and level of effort according to CBDR/RC and equity.

In this regard, the ADP must adopt by COP20 in Lima the **information** that Parties are to submit along their intended nationally determined contributions **well before COP21, in the first quarter of 2015 for those ready to do so.** We must leave Bonn with a draft decision on this issue and allow sufficient time here in Bonn to deliver on this specific mandate from Warsaw.

The instrument must also equally address **adaptation**: Adaptation is a fundamental challenge for all of us. We need a strong and effective framework that helps all countries, and especially the most vulnerable in need of support, to develop and implement effective adaptation policies.

Support will similarly be important. The EIG welcomes the successful meeting of the Green Climate Fund Executive Board in Songdo in Korea. An important step has been achieved, we have now to move rapidly to the initial capitalization of the Green Climate Fund. [We are optimistic that at the first GCF meeting for the initial capitalization will successfully take place in a month time in the Swiss capital of Bern and that](#)

it will allow this new international finance instrument to be very soon fully operational. And we hope that the UN Climate Summit will be another important stepping stone towards the capitalization of the Green Climate Fund.

Comment [u1]: To be deleted if the GCF executive co-chairs did not send out the invitation for the meeting in Bern

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We have another very urgent matter to deal with: the **pre-2020 ambition**. In our view all parties should contribute to close the emissions gap in view of achieving the target to keep global warming below 2 degrees with respect to historic levels. Therefore, there is a need ~~to~~ for increased action within and outside the Convention. Here in Bonn we must further explore through the technical Expert Meetings opportunities for climate action. This technical work must build towards the high level events later this year. By Lima we will have to capture progress in increased action and lay a solid foundation for further work.

Finally, Mr Co-Chairs, the EIG appreciates your **arrangements for efficient and focused work under the ADP**. The Scenario note, the Reflection on the progress made and the Landscape of issues identified by Parties are outlining a positive, constructive and solution oriented approach to our work. The EIG thanks you for these documents. We fully support the process as outlined by you. We agree, that the process has to be Party-driven and to build on the inputs from Parties. The annex to your reflection note captures well the options on the table. We do now have to focus our discussion on these options – while not precluding that additional element will be brought to the table. And we have to work towards decision and text in Lima that is building on an reflecting the emerging common ground around these options.

Mr. Co-Chairs, we are looking forward to the rich, engaged and constructive work of the upcoming two weeks.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chairs.