

Umbrella Group Opening Statement – ADP 2-5

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.

Co-Chairs,

We have critical work to do here, on defining the elements for a draft negotiating text, advancing preparation of Parties' intended nationally determined contributions -- specifically in identifying the information that Parties will put forward with their intended nationally determined contributions -- and further exploring options to capture untapped mitigation potential.

The Umbrella Group looks forward to working with all Parties to get down to business and bring further focus and clarity to these tasks. We also look forward to the opportunity our Ministers and their representatives will have to engage through the High Level Ministerial Dialogue on Friday.

When Parties last met here in Bonn, we agreed we would continue the work of the ADP, under both its workstreams, through a single Contact Group: maintaining our current organisation of work, and working together to progress the substantive business of the ADP under your ongoing guidance.

In relation to our work at this session, we look forward to having constructive exchanges informed by our discussions to date, and the numerous submissions in which Parties and Groups have elaborated their ideas -- in particular on the elements for a draft negotiating text. The discussions here in Bonn must provide the opportunity for Parties to better understand the range of proposals on the table, so that we can work toward identifying key issues and areas of convergence, that can serve as the basis for the contract group to begin to identify mutually accepted elements for a draft negotiating text. The Umbrella Group has the utmost confidence in the co-chairs' ability to guide us in this work.

Co-Chairs,

The 5th assessment report from the IPCC is now complete, and this demonstrates the urgency of our work. We are committed to finalizing the 2015 agreement in Paris, and expect countries intended nationally determined contributions to be submitted well in advance of this. We have a lot of work to do before then, however.

In our work here and in Lima to define elements for a draft negotiating text for the 2015 agreement, we need to start constructing a clear overarching view of what our leaders will accept as an effective and lasting global platform for post-2020 climate action. Our work should continue to be guided by the below two degree global goal.

We need to think carefully about what elements must go in a core agreement – elements that remain sound in the context of changing circumstances and capture the highest level understandings and commitments, including a commitment by all Parties to make a contribution to the global task of reducing emissions. Provisions that don't meet these criteria, provisions that are likely to require updating over time, which elaborate implementing arrangements, or provisions which may need to be developed further between 2015 and 2020, should be included in the wider 2015 package.

And we also have to forge a common understanding around when and how draft text of the 2015 agreement appears, to satisfy both expectations of the Parties and ensure procedures are applied.

Co-Chairs,

We should also use this session to discuss the work we're doing at home to prepare intended nationally determined contributions. It's important that we all understand that each of us intends to act. To that end, we will continue to work through a range of channels to assist countries that need support to prepare their contributions.

We should use this session to give Parties further guidance and context for their preparations of post-2020 nationally determined contributions.

This means working to agree on the up-front information that will accompany Parties' intended contributions in order to ensure their clarity, transparency and understanding. And we should also consider basic parameters for contributions, such as a common end date, and fundamental methodological issues, including necessary accounting rules, that can help promote consistency and ambitious action.

We should also use this session to build understanding of the process through which nationally determined contributions will be proposed, considered by all other Parties, and formalised under the 2015 agreement.

Co-Chairs,

The Umbrella Group also looks forward to continuing the very practical exchange on opportunities to enhance pre-2020 action under workstream 2. It is critical to advance near term action to limit climate change, and we have had constructive discussions on how to get results. We look forward to sharing our experiences and lessons learned through Technical Expert Meetings on Land Use and on the Urban Environment, and the Forum on experiences and best practices of cities and subnational authorities. We should continue to approach workstream 2 as an opportunity to build shared experience and confidence that can bolster efforts to reduce emissions.

Thank You