

ADP Closing Plenary Philippine statement

Mr Co-Chairs. Let me begin by thanking you and the Secretariat for all your hard work. Our deepest gratitude also goes to the Peruvian presidency and the Peruvian people for the excellent arrangements and their warm hospitality.

I am speaking in our own capacity as a Party to the UNFCCC.

The Philippines, given its circumstances that all of you know, believes loss and damage should be a standalone element in the Paris outcome. It also believes human rights should figure prominently in the agreement.

We therefore regret the absence of reference to loss and damage in this draft decision. We also are not happy with the absence of human rights elements that we contributed yesterday and which other Parties supported.

We care a lot about these 2 issues: loss and damage because extreme climate events hitting our country and others year-to-year underscore the need for a predictable mechanism for recovery and rehabilitation; and human rights because we need inclusivity and ownership by communities of the climate actions the world has to undertake, in addition to ensuring that these same actions promote human security.

But we believe that we can continue to strongly advocate for these issues through the elements text that this draft decision attaches as an Annex.

The Philippines therefore supports the adoption of the document we have before now. Let us incrementally and progressively move now for the sake of present and future generations.

Thank you Mr Co-chairs.