



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
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Excellencies,
Distinguished representatives,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China

Mr. Co-Chairs,

1. The objectives of the ADP session in Lima are very clear in accordance with the agreed task from the Warsaw decision and previous decisions. They are, first, the elaboration of the elements for a draft negotiating text; second, the identification of the information to be provided by Parties when communicating their Intended Nationally Determined Communications, and third, the acceleration of pre-2020 implementation. The decision in Lima must reflect balanced progress in both workstreams, as well as between workstreams. We need to focus on these three core agreed tasks to ensure a successful COP in Lima and to lay a solid foundation for the adoption of the agreement in Paris next year.
2. The Group underlines the importance of making substantial progress on elaboration of the elements for a drafting negotiating text, essential to the adoption of the 2015 agreement in Paris. The Group reiterates that the 2015 agreement must be under the Convention and based on its principles and provisions related to commitments and responsibilities with regard to mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation, in particular the

principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. The provisions of the 2015 agreement should focus on enhanced action related to the six core elements.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

3. The Group also looks forward to advance negotiations on the information of the intended nationally determined contributions. Intended Nationally Determined Contributions represent the effort each country is willing to make in the global effort to fight climate change, and must be seen in a balanced and comprehensive context pursuant to decisions 1/CP.17, 2/CP.18 and 1/CP.19 in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Convention. Developed country Parties shall provide finance, technology transfer and capacity building support. Developing countries will require provision of adequate support for their domestic preparations of their intended nationally determined contributions and for submitting information thereon, as well as for the implementation of their enhanced action both before and after 2020. The Group would like to reiterate that decision 1/CP.19 paragraph 2(d) urges developed countries, the operating entities of the financial mechanism and other organizations to provide adequate support to allow for developing countries to undertake their domestic preparations for the intended nationally determined contributions and for submitting information thereon, and for implementing their enhanced action after 2020. It is crucial to provide clarity on the level of financial support that will be provided by developed country Parties to developing country Parties to allow for enhanced implementation of the Convention.
4. Any agreement without Equity and CBDR and RC is not in accordance with the Convention. A protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force that is only mitigation focused and bottom-up will result in developed countries emitting more than they should within a global emission budget to limit warming in this century and will not effectively

address climate change as early as possible. Time is running out - the world cannot afford half-measures or half-commitments with respect to climate actions. The relevant part of the Lima decision should 'focus on identification of the information, in order to achieve a successful outcome on the information with a view to facilitating the clarity, transparency and understanding of the INDCs.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

5. Workstream II is an integral part of the ADP and has direct bearing on the successful adoption of the 2015 agreement. Enhanced pre-2020 ambition will not only provide a strong basis for post-2020 cooperation, but is also necessary to avoid higher costs and risks associated with adaptation and mitigation in the long run.

6. Through WSII, all countries should demonstrate their political will recognizing that developed countries shall take the lead through enhanced actions on increasing the emission reduction targets to at least 40% by 2020 below 1990 level and providing finance, technology and capacity-building support to developing country Parties, which, in turn, contributes to greater confidence and trust among Parties in the context of negotiations on the Durban Platform. The work of workstream II should continue until the pre-2020 ambition gap is closed. The follow-up arrangements on accelerating the implementation of paragraph 3, 4 and 5 of the Warsaw decision are integral parts of the workplan under WSII. Both the accelerated implementation of paragraph 3 and 4 of the Warsaw Decision and the technical expert meetings should be dealt with in the draft decision in a balanced manner and as a matter of urgency and priority.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

7. The group wishes to express its full support toward helping the Co-Chairs secure a successful outcome to these negotiations. In this regard, the group believes that the most promising way forward lies in ensuring that the 2015 agreement treats the elements of mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building and transparency of action and support in a balanced manner. The group also reiterates the need to secure progress in addressing the issues of Loss and Damage as well as Adverse Impacts of Response Measures in an effective and meaningful manner.
8. We would like to emphasize the importance of all elements of Article 6 of the Convention, which are fundamental for the effective implementation of a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force. Developing skills for new and sustainable jobs, engaging all groups of society, communicating climate science and sharing information on climate change effectively, benefitting from traditional knowledge and indigenous practices for innovative climate action and fostering an informed citizenry are essential aspects for success of such a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force.
9. The Group would like to recall that the objective of the ADP is to enhance action and to promote the full and effective implementation of the Convention through the strengthening of the multilateral rules-based regime. Any attempts to redefine, rewrite, renegotiate or reinterpret the Convention and its principles and provisions that would result in a watering down or weakening of the Convention will not be acceptable and will only complicate and delay the process.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

10. As you yourselves have pointed out, time is not on our side. The G77 and China is concerned about the lack of progress in elaborating the elements

of the 2015 agreement. The work on the text of the elements must be accelerated. This can be accomplished by adopting a mode of work that reflects the principles and provisions of the Convention, focuses on the specific points under the six core elements in a balanced manner and by further fleshing out the elements through Party-driven, targeted and focused negotiations. The group is also of the view that trust and confidence can be enhanced by establishing a balance in the progress of discussions of the elements and the information on INDCs. There also needs to be a balance in the treatment of Parties' inputs as reflected in neutral, balanced and comprehensive outcome documents. Any streamlining of the options should be based on the consensus among the Parties collectively and constructively, by reflecting Parties' views in a comprehensive manner.

In closing, Mr. Co-Chairs,

11. The G77 and China envisions a mode of work that builds on areas of commonality, that has a high probability of achieving a meaningful outcome, and that reflects the consensus and ownership by all Parties. The group stands ready to work with you and with our negotiating partners to secure this desired outcome here in Lima as a prelude to the successful completion of our work in Paris next year.

Thank you Mr. Co-Chairs.

