

Seventh meeting of the Second Session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP 2-7)

**Opening statement by Nepal on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group
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Co-chairs, I have the honour to speak on behalf of the LDC Group. I would like to associate my statement with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, by Sudan on behalf of the African Group and by Nauru on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

Co-chairs, I will address the elements related to both content and process in my intervention.

As indicated by the 5th assessment report of the IPCC, greenhouse gas emissions concentrations in the atmosphere are now the highest, they have ever been, and are continuing to rise. We have reached a point where we are already experiencing impacts that cannot be reversed.

Mr. Co-chairs, in this context, a successful climate deal in Paris must engage Parties in Lima working towards the adoption of a protocol, with most ambitious emission reduction targets, that addresses adaptation, Loss and Damage, means of implementation, transparency of action and support.

A successful Protocol in Paris must strengthen our ability as a global community to cope with the inevitable changes we now face, providing in particular effective financial, technical and capacity building support to the most vulnerable countries to cope with climate impacts. We have contributed least to this crisis. Yet we are suffering worst and will continue to do so.

We propose followings to be addressed in priorities in Lima:

First, we thank you for the second version of the non-paper and we support your approach for this session to have a more in-depth textual negotiation. The non-paper as it stands is reasonably well balanced. We are grateful that you have picked up most of the elements that we proposed in our October submission and we are optimistic that the rest will be accommodated as well. We hope to further define the elements-text and formalize it here in Lima.

Second, we feel the draft decision on INDC and Pre-2020 ambition needs more clarity. The decision related to INDC must enable the parties to provide information when putting their INDCs forward in the context of the 2015 Protocol. This decision

should facilitate Parties for domestic preparations, including the information Parties require to submit in their contributions by March 2015 in a transparent and quantifiable manner.

It is important that the INDC decision also provides clear provisions to enable upwards adjustments of initial contributions in line with science, so that we can secure a Protocol that ensures the survival of our countries.

All Parties must have mitigation components in their INDCs. However, the national circumstances and special needs of LDCs and SIDS will be reflected in their INDCs.

Third, we need to focus our discussion on how to accelerate the implementation of pre-2020 climate action, including ratifying the Doha Amendments of the Kyoto Protocol. Those countries that must deliver the highest mitigation actions, aiming at closing the mitigation gap, must act fast based on science and to avoid further impacts, Loss and Damage due to climate change.

With respect to the process, we are generally comfortable with the approach you have set out.

Finally Mr Co-Chairs, we reaffirm that the LDC Group is strongly committed to this process. We believe that we can have successful negotiations in Lima under your strong leadership.

Thank you