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**Panama on Behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations**

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STATEMENT

Lima, 2 December 2014

Thank you Mr. Co-chair,

Panama has the honor to speak on behalf of the 52 countries of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, of which the following have endorsed this statement: *Bangladesh, Belize, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Congo, Solomon Islands, Togo, and Uganda.*

Mr. Co-Chair, we support the statement made by the distinguished delegate from Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

We believe the 2015 agreement should be based on the elaboration of all 6 core elements identified in decision 1/CP.17: mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, transparency of action and support, and capacity-building.

On mitigation, the new agreement must take into account the latest scientific information with the global commitment to be set at a level that would maintain the global temperature well below an increase of 1,5C. While the agreement should be applicable to all, the principles of the Convention must be respected and leadership from developed countries must guide us in the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions. The nature of nationally determined contributions to be presented by all Parties should be differentiated.

The 2015 agreement must be adequately informed by the work of other subsidiary bodies under the Convention and build upon important results achieved through past COP decisions. REDD+ is therefore a central element of the 2015 agreement as defined by the Warsaw REDD+ Framework. Adequate importance must also be given to Coastal Marine Ecosystems and their potential role in adaptation and mitigation.

Mr. Co-chair, full support from a broad variety of financing sources, primarily from developed country Parties must be identified and allocated to REDD+ and CMEs activities. A new market based mechanism, including REDD+, must be also included in the 2015 agreement.

The mitigation potential of REDD+ must be fully taken into account and captured in the pre-2020 ambition track. REDD+ actions should be quantified and duly recognized as a way to reduce the emissions ambition gap before 2020.

Our Coalition sees four main objectives to be achieved here in Lima at the end of these two weeks:

- The inclusion of REDD+ and coastal marine ecosystems into the draft negotiating text, based on the supporting decisions of the Warsaw REDD+ Framework
- Clarification of information to be submitted along with the INDCs early next year;
- A successful launch of the Warsaw REDD+ Framework, as per decision 10/CP.19, and anchoring it in the new agreement;
- The opening of a REDD+ window in the GCF.

Mr. Co-chair, in addition, as the COP President has emphasized, we need to accelerate the progress made in REDD+ by bridging the Warsaw REDD Plus Framework and the Green Climate Fund Logic Framework here in Lima.

Finally Mr Co-Chair,

We are looking forward to engaging with all Parties in these two weeks on the elaboration of the elements identified above. We are confident that you will assist us in the completion of this challenging task.

Thank you.