

Panama on Behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations

COALITION FOR RAINFOREST NATIONS
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STATEMENT

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Thank you Mr. Co-Chair,

Panama has the honour 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, at the outset we would like express our gratitude and appreciation for the work conducted by both your predecessors. We thank them for their leadership and guidance, which we believe set us on the right path to achieve an agreement in Paris. We are sure that you will be able to keep the bar high and lead us toward a successful outcome in Paris at the end of the year.

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

Mr. Co-chair our Coalition came to Lima well prepared and determined to move the process forward and build on the success of previous years. In particular, we all recognize the vital role rainforests play related to both mitigation and adaptation to climate change. **Efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5C will be unfulfilled without the contribution of rainforests.** This concept is not fully nor properly reflected in the draft negotiating text that was issued at COP-20 in Lima.

After the successful adoption of the Warsaw REDD+ Framework in 2013, rainforest nations are now ready to implement REDD+ actions on the ground. This is strictly conditional upon adequate and predictable financial and technological support and capacity building.

Mr. Co-Chair, with respect to REDD+ finance, we believe that a new market-based mechanism including REDD+ should be established. We must also acknowledge the necessity for an operational link between the REDD Plus logical framework of the Green Climate Fund and the Warsaw Framework for REDD+. Support for REDD+

actions to developing countries provided under and outside the Convention should be properly coordinated following the guidance provided by the Annual Meeting of REDD+ national entities as per decision 10/CP.19.

Mr. Co-chair, we therefore reiterate the fundamental role of REDD+ in closing the mitigation gap, and reaffirm the centrality REDD+ must have in the 2015 agreement. It is therefore essential that the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ be anchored in the 2015 agreement. This is fundamental for many smaller developing countries that didn't create the problem of climate change, but they are bearing its adverse effects and they are ready to be part of the solution. A fully operationalized REDD+ mechanism cannot be ignored in Paris and cannot and should not be pointed to the future.

Finally Mr Co-Chair, let me congratulate you once again, and confirm our Coalition is looking forward to further engagement with all Parties in this crucial year with the view to finalize an ambitious agreement in Paris, starting from this week and onwards.

Thank you Mr. Co-Chair.