

UGANDA STATEMENT DURING OPENING OF ADP 2-4, MARCH 10, 2014.

Co-Chairs,
Distinguished Colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

The Republic of Uganda has the honour to make this brief intervention.

Uganda fully associates itself with the Statements made by the Republic of Sudan on behalf of the African Group, Nepal on behalf of the LDCs, as well as Bolivia on behalf of G77 and China.

Distinguished Co-Chairs and colleagues, the frequency and intensity of recurrent adverse impacts of climate change are now unprecedented in many parts of the developing world and especially Uganda. The IPCC Working Group 1 Report released towards the end of last year 2013 and the numerous episodes of disasters associated with climate change obviously attest to this worrying situation and should not surprise anybody. The writing on the wall is now therefore clear for all to see extrapolate.

Urgent action must as of necessity be taken and as we move towards Paris via Lima, substantial work must be accomplished this year that will yield a negotiation text that includes all elements of Adaptation, Mitigation, Financing, Capacity Building, Technology Transfer, equity, and Transparency of actions. On this note, we hasten to add that the nationally determined contributions must be subjected to an international verification mechanism to ensure integrity of actions.

Messrs Co-Chairs, on the progress of work under the two Work streams of the ADP, Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 4, is clearly instructive. There are only 630 days remaining inclusive of weekends as of today 10 March 2014 before Parties deliver a new legally-

binding international Climate Change agreement to hold the global temperature rise to below 2 degrees centigrade as required by science to protect the sanctity and survival of humanity consistent with the ultimate objective of the Convention. Obviously the need to ensure meeting the demands of food of the ever-increasing mouths from the Mother Earth cannot be over-emphasized. Short of this, we will forever be judged harshly and be condemned as criminals in the annals of history.

However, Uganda has every confidence in your leadership Co-Chairs to navigate us through the bumpy road to Lima on our way to Paris. We support you Co-Chairs for your tireless efforts in this respect.

Co-Chairs and distinguished Colleagues, Uganda therefore strongly believes that the voice of reason and wisdom prevails to enjoin us all to make substantial progress on coming out with broad elements of the draft negotiating text for the 2015 Agreement that address the dire needs and aspirations of the most vulnerable countries.

Thank you.