

Statement on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN)

By the Republic of the Sudan, at the Opening Plenary of Sixth Part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

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Co-chairs,

Sudan has the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the African Group.

Allow me at the outset to express our appreciation to the Government of Germany for hosting this meeting, and for the Convention's Secretariat for the excellent arrangements.

The African Group associates its statement with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the Group 77 and China.

Co-Chairs, on Workstream I,

Our work is guided by the mandate we have from decision 1/CP.17, and we have made progress since Durban. The Doha decision and the Warsaw decision requires us to have elements of the draft negotiating text ready by Lima, as well as to identify the information Parties will provide when they communicate their INDCs. These are important milestones towards the Durban mandate. However, the African Group, is concerned by your presentation of these aspects of the same mandate separately.

We are further concerned by the differing status of the two documents you provided, where INDCs are presented in the form of a draft text, whilst elements of the agreement are a non-paper. We raised concern during the last session of the ADP on this matter, and we believe a discussion on how we should capture these two aspects of our mandate should precede our

discussion in this session. As Parties we should explore whether we need a single or two outcomes in Lima, and secondly whether these will be captured in the form of a decision or not.

Co-Chairs our initial reflection on the substantive aspects of the two documents you presented to us, we appreciate and support your effort to focus us, and guide us to a negotiation mode of work, and we encourage you to continue doing so. Despite some shortcomings in the substance reflected in the non-paper on elements of the draft negotiating text, the paper does reflect the broad parameters of concern to the African Group. We would therefore be happy to engage with other Parties and groups to deepen our understanding of various concepts towards a successful outcome in Lima.

On the INDC draft decision, it is important to have a discussion amongst Parties on how we can best deliver on the Warsaw undertaking on defining information that will be provided by Parties on their INDCs. The African Group view the draft text with concern, as it presents very precise expectations on mitigation, some optional language on adaptation, and no expectations on developed country Parties on finance, technology and capacity building, except for information presented in the Annex. We emphasise that our focus at this session should be on the information of INDC's continual in the annex rather than the draft decision.

The African Group reiterates its position that, the 2015 Agreement will not be a mitigation agreement; it should cover all commitment elements of the Framework Convention on Climate Change. We understand some Parties suggest that the INDCs were conceived with mitigation in mind; our understanding is that the INDCs will address all the elements. The African

Group experience from Warsaw is that, the word 'contributions' sought to address an impasse on the discussion of commitments and actions, rather than a reference to mitigation.

We look forward to engaging with other Parties further, particularly on the adaptation INDC as this is a very important element for the African Group. We would like to state that most African countries are in a better position to develop their adaptation rather than mitigation INDCs. This is informed by our experience in developing NAPAs by LDCs, as well as the process of developing NAPs in developing countries.

We see the adaptation INDC as presenting our planning efforts, our current and future adaptation needs and a voluntary recognition of our past investment, with a reciprocal communication of future support by developed countries. We further see developed countries presenting their means of implementation (technology, finance and capacity building) INDCs where they outline the extent, type, and activities to be supported on the basis of agreed MRV of support guidelines. Developed countries should further provide information on their support of INDC preparation as outlined in decision 1/CP.19, as we see this aspect in the context of Article 12 of the Convention.

Co-Chairs, on Workstream II

The fundamental challenge on the pre 2020 ambition workstream is to turn the discussions we have had so far into concrete and implementable measures.

Therefore providing a clearer sense of direction through the following:

- a. On ***Direction by Parties (via the COP) to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention***. This could, for example, include recommendations in accordance with paragraph 4 of the GCF instrument which recognizes its functions “under the guidance” of the COP, and paragraph 6, which provides that the GCF and COP will conclude arrangements relating to guidance on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria. They could, for instance, recommend that the GCF provide immediate financial support for REDD+ readiness, the development of pilot projects to implement renewable energy projects in developing countries, including a range of measures such as feed-in tariffs.
- b. Also, on ***Direction by Parties to the broader institutions and mechanisms under the Convention*** – to cooperate to support integrated approaches to finance, technology and capacity building for the implementation of a global renewable energy partnership among Parties – ***to deliver as One UNFCCC***.
- c. Finally, on ***Direction to developed (Annex II) Parties to scale up finance specifically for initiatives identified under workstream II*** including through levels of financial support to the GCF and also clear benchmarks for support towards the \$100 billion target referenced in relation to 2020. Among other things, links between the scale of mitigation ambition and the scale of financial support should be further identified and specified in the decision, building on Article 11.3(d) of the Convention which calls for analysis by the COP of the level of financing available and needed to implement the Convention.

Co-chairs,

The African Group stands ready to engage in this session as always, in an open and constructive manner to move the ADP towards achieving its mandate for this year, which is to reach an agreement on the elements of a negotiation text for the 2015 agreement.

I thank you

