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Mr. Co-Chairs,

This statement is made on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, the EIG, comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

- The EIG countries have come here to build on the positive signals given at the UN Climate Summit by many Parties. I am pleased to to inform you that EIG-members have announced during the recent UN Climate Summit financial contributions to the Green Climate Fund: Mexico has announced 10 Mio US\$, Korea has announced a contribution up to 100 Mio US\$ including the existing pledge and Switzerland has announced that it is considering a contribution of at least 100 Mio US\$. The EIG members are ready to capitalize the GCF, we hope others as well!
- The EIG countries are very committed to agree by Lima on elements of a draft negotiation text of the 2015 Agreement, on ex ante information and on the modalities of the INDC process. Further we must set up a robust process to identify options to enhance global mitigation ambition.
- The EIG thanks you for the issued draft texts on INDCs and enhance pre-2020 climate action as well as the non-paper on elements on Parties' views and proposals on the elements for a draft negotiating text. We support your approach in guiding us to a successful outcome in Lima and are ready to work on the basis of the issued draft texts. We support your aim to finalize the draft decisions on INDCs and enhance pre-2020 climate action here at this session in Bonn. In parallel, we also must advance here by identifying jointly what elements are supported by all Parties to be in the enduring new instrument to come into effect from 2020. It is with this goal that we have to work on the basis of the non-paper on elements on Parties' views and proposals on the elements for a draft negotiating text.
- Let me also briefly – before we need to go to work urgently – confirm, that all the EIG Parties are sincerely engaged in domestic preparations of their INDCs and are strongly committed to a timely communication ahead of COP21 of their INDCs and the up front information ensuring clarity, transparency and understanding.
- The EIG takes the view that it is important to ensure a process that allows for clear, transparent and understandable mitigation commitments. A similar bottom up approach may also be beneficial for adaptation. However, such a process on adaptation would have to reflect important differences between adaptation and mitigation, it would have to follow different time lines, and the follow-up to the submission of national development strategies and plans would have to be adaptation specific. The EIG therefore sees a benefit of outlining also in Lima a specific bottom-up approach with regard to adaptation.

- Let me also bring to your attention that the EIG countries support a multilateral process on the INDCs starting from the first quarter 2015 and accommodation all Parties and their circumstances. Such a multilateral process should be facilitative, non intrusive, non punitive where all Parties share information on the underlying effort of their INDCs and their considerations on equity, fairness and CBDR/RC regarding their INDC in view of the 2 degrees goal. Such a process will demonstrate that each Parties INDC is part of a collective, global effort to combat climate change. In short: the process should allow for clarification, compilation, calibration with what is needed to achieve the 2 degrees objective, and set the basis for cooperation to close a possible gap. It will build trust in the run up to Paris and set a good basis to consider enhanced action through international cooperative initiatives.

Mr. Co-Chair, we are ready to work with you on the documents provided towards a successful COP in Lima.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chairs.

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