

Opening statement by Nepal on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group

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Co-chairs, Minister Pulgar-Vidal, Madam Executive Secretary and colleagues,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the LDC Group. I would like to align my statement with the statements made by Bolivia on behalf of G77 and China, by Sudan on behalf of the Africa Group, and by Nauru on behalf of AOSIS.

We thank the Secretariat for the preparations made for this meeting, and also thank the government and people of Germany for their warm hospitality.

We are grateful for your continued efforts to keep us up-to-date throughout the inter-session period. The documents prepared by you have been very useful, and will help us to progress here in Bonn and in Lima.

This October ADP meeting plays a decisive role in our work towards the 2015 agreement. During the next six days, we have to discuss issues of utmost importance related to both the pre-2020 and post-2020 negotiation processes. Parties should build upon commonalities and work towards narrowing divergent views. Therefore, we urge all Parties to make the best use of the time available at this session.

Co-chairs,

We believe that Parties need to advance the elements of the draft negotiation text in a way that will help us to make a text available before May next year. The elements of the agreement were set up as initial parameters for the ADP at its inception. We need to progress in defining how each element will be reflected in the core of the legally binding 2015 agreement. In parallel, Parties should progress on the development of details regarding effective implementation of all these elements.

The bullet points you made available to us present a reasonable spectrum of views and should help us to progress towards refinement. However, there are some elements that require further elaboration and we will bring forward some additional elements at this session. We believe the next step is to organize the elements in an appropriate format. We hope we will be able to do this after this session.

Co-chairs,

Progressing the discussion on INDCs and related information requirements, as well as on the definition of their scope, legal form and treatment once they are formulated, is of paramount importance to our group. We share your hope that Parties make substantial progress in refining the draft decision text in Bonn so that it can be adopted in Lima. It will be beneficial, if again, Parties in their discussions continue to clarify how they view the relationship between INDCs and the agreement. The LDC Group is of the view that these two are complementary. While we respect the views of Parties to present information they find relevant, we believe INDCs should primarily focus on mitigation.

Adaptation and means of implementation, which are fundamental for the LDCs, should be addressed in the core of agreement and reflect the international community's obligation to fulfil the needs for the most vulnerable countries so that they can cope with the adverse effects of climate change. Furthermore, the agreement should provide clear guidance to the financial mechanism to fulfil these obligations and provide resources to the operating entities.

Co-chairs,

It is paramount that the discussions on pre-2020 ambition build upon the outcomes of the UN Climate Summit. We should maintain this momentum by working toward a conclusion on the draft decision put forward. Let us take stock of the implementation of previous agreements, provide further guidance to the TEMs, establish a process to give consideration to how the workplan can be taken forward after 2015 and consider the role it could play after 2020.

Finally Co-chairs,

The LDC Group is committed to and will remain actively engaged in this process. We believe that we can have successful negotiations in Lima under your strong leadership, which in turn will build the foundations for a successful conclusion of the ADP's work in Paris.

Thank you Co-chairs.