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Thank you

Co-Chairs,

appreciate all you do to organize this session

ADP 2 – UG Opening Statement

I have the privilege to speak on behalf of the Umbrella Group of countries: Canada, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the United States and Australia.

Co-Chairs,

We come to this meeting ready to get to work – under your able leadership.

We are all familiar with what the ADP has been asked to deliver.

Through a new global agreement, and work on enhancing pre-2020 mitigation ambition, we have been tasked with delivering a more effective response to climate change.

A response built on common action and ambitious global co-operation, and which revitalises the UNFCCC for the challenges of a new century.

We want a global regime that helps foster national action – because it is national action that will ultimately reduce emissions, prepare countries for climate impacts, and build climate considerations into long-term economic and development planning.

Throughout last year and at Doha we had useful, conceptual discussions and made some progress in identifying areas of commonality and convergence under both workstreams. But if we are to deliver our work on time in 2015, we need to keep bringing greater focus and depth to our discussions.

Co-Chairs,

The world is looking to us all to deliver a climate effective new agreement, applicable to all Parties, by 2015.

To do so we now need to engage on the hard questions that lie at the heart of the agreement. And we need to better understand each other – the factors that will pull countries toward ambitious participation in the new agreement, as well as the factors that may hinder participation.

We look forward to further discussions, at this session, on how we can design the new agreement in a way that:

- captures the participation of all Parties, with a spectrum of contributions that sees all countries act in a way that reflects their national circumstances;
- allows flexibility for countries' differing contexts and capacities, but also ensures the transparency and environmental integrity of action