

Closing Session
Sixth meeting of the Second Session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the
Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP 2-6)
Statement by Nepal on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group
25 October 2014, Bonn, Germany

Co-chairs,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group. The Group wishes to highlight three points on the way forward.

First, we believe this session has been a good opportunity for Parties to enhance their understanding of one another's perspectives. We are encouraged that Parties are starting to consider middle-ground possibilities on issues of high importance; in particular, those that relate to the elements of the draft negotiation text, the intended nationally determined contributions and related upfront information. This reflects a common acknowledgement by Parties that we must make urgent and substantial progress in the negotiations. This is not least to respect the highly constrained timeline we have agreed to.

Second, and related to what I have just stated, we must consider the elements of the draft negotiating text at COP-20 in Lima. This is absolutely critical because, as you have rightly reminded us from the beginning of this session, the draft negotiating text must be prepared and distributed to Parties by May 2015 in all UN languages. In order to respect agreed deadlines, the Group believes it is high time to shift into a higher gear, and move into a negotiation mode of work as soon as possible. Co-chairs, we look forward to the revised version of the elements text which we believe will further streamline options based on progress we made so far, and the submissions Parties may send before Lima.

Finally, co-chairs, the LDC Group reiterates that a more focused discussion on the elements of the draft negotiation text is necessary. This discussion will help us arrive at an outcome that will move us closer to having a draft negotiating text ready by April next year. On this note, we feel it is important to underline again that all elements of the draft negotiation text are of equal importance, and therefore need proper and balanced treatment.

We thank you, co-chairs, for your leadership in facilitating our work and all colleagues for your efforts and positive spirit.