

STATEMENT BY INDIA
ON BEHALF OF BASIC AT CLOSING PLENARY MEETING OF THE
AWG-DP 2.4

14 March 2014, Bonn, Germany

Co-Chairs,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Brazil, China, South Africa and India. We fully associate ourselves with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

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As we close the proceedings for this session, we are concerned about the slow progress we are making towards the tasks assigned to us by the Durban mandate, Doha and the Warsaw decisions. We came to Bonn with a clear intent to engage in an open and transparent, inclusive and party-driven inter-governmental negotiations on the initial elaboration of elements of a draft negotiating text as identified in para 5 of decision 1/CP.17. However, unfortunately it seems that this session has seen a further reiteration of ideas and positions already outlined at the roundtables and workshops during the last two years rather than the initial elaboration of elements of a draft negotiating text. Therefore, we are of the view that it is important to rapidly move into a clearly structured formal negotiation process in a contact group setting.

Co-Chairs,

We would like to request for further clarity regarding the plan and mode of work of this proposed Contact group in order to start negotiating on the substantial elements at the June session. To us, the work of the Contact group must be conducted in a formal and structured manner on the basis of text-based negotiations. As usual, the text will come from the parties by way of submissions or textual proposals during negotiations. We

believe that sufficient and balanced negotiating time must be allocated for negotiations on all six core elements of a draft negotiating text covering mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity-building and transparency of action and support.

Co-Chairs,

The BASIC Group would also request for a clear plan of work for the remaining meetings of the ADP up to COP 20 in Lima in order to enable delegations to prepare for the sessions and make submissions accordingly. We must also note that in our future plan of work, due consideration must be given to discussions on para 3 & 4 of the Warsaw decision and in selection of areas of high-mitigation potential for technical expert meetings.

Co-Chairs,

With regard to more substantive issues, we concur with the common understanding, voiced by developing countries that the term 'nationally determined contributions' covers all the operational pillars of the Convention, i.e mitigation, adaptation, financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support for developing country implementation. In this regard, our understanding of the objective of the final 2015 agreement must have at its core the strengthening and enhancement of the implementation of the provisions of the Convention, in particular its Article 4, in a manner that gives full effect to its principles, in particular the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. Therefore, our contention is that the commitments included in the NDCs for the developed country parties will, for mitigation, retain the already agreed form of commitment, namely quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets and in addition developed country NDC's should clearly define their commitments to the provision of finance, technology development and transfer as well as capacity building support to enable developing country implementation of the Convention.

Given the recognition in the Convention that developing countries have overriding priorities to address poverty, it is already agreed that their contribution to the global climate change effort and therefore their NDCs are in the context of sustainable development. In this regard, the 2015 agreement must incorporate the recognition of the Convention that the extent to which developing countries will be able to meet their commitments is dependent on the extent to which developed countries meet their financial and technological as well as capacity-building support commitments in accordance with Article 4.7 of the Convention. Given the diversity of types of actions and commitments of developing countries as opposed to the quantified emission reduction targets of developed countries, it is a common understanding of developing countries that the information to facilitate the understanding of the contributions are necessarily differentiated between developed and developing countries. Therefore, we would once again strongly emphasize our proposal for the 2015 agreement to build upon the structure of the Convention, in order to strengthen and enhance the implementation of its provisions, in accordance with its principles and through the institutions and structures built over the years. We should therefore move into a formal mode of negotiation in the June session to build understanding on elements of the draft negotiation text keeping in mind the above conceptual articulation that under-pin proposals from developing countries.

Co-Chairs

We highly appreciate the fact that you were always accessible to listen to our proposals, suggestions and concerns. On behalf of the BASIC Group, you can be rest assured of our continued and constructive engagement with all groups and parties as well as our full support to you in this crucial phase of upcoming formal negotiations.

I thank you, Co-Chairs.