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Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair.

It is my pleasure to deliver this statement on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, comprising, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

We are looking back on an intense week of negotiations and Technical Expert Meetings. We have covered both Work Streams, fostering the mutual understanding of our positions and of the potential for increased action on climate change.

The **Technical Expert Meetings**, with a focus on energy efficiency and renewable energies, have allowed putting forward concepts, strategies and specific projects to raise pre-2020 ambition. We thank all facilitators and panelists, as well as all the participants for their active engagement. We look forward to continuing on this important path at the next session of the ADP this coming June. Sharing our experiences and the important lessons we have learnt is crucial to combat climate change, and this already in the short run.

This past week has equally been markedly shaped by the negotiations on **Work Stream 1**:

The EIG continues to greatly value the leadership of you, the ADP Co-Chairs, in this important process. We also value the active contribution of all the Parties and their negotiation groups. The EIG member countries believe that we leave Bonn with a yet better understanding of our mutual visions, and with the assurance that we have achieved progress in developing the elements of the 2015 Agreement.

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This past week, the EIG has put forward its specific views and positions in the various sessions dedicated to particular topics – and we want to refrain from reiterating them here.

We just like to briefly refer to the discussions on some of the **transversal issues** we had yesterday. While we expect to delve more into these matters at the next sessions, we just like to make a very few points:

The EIG believes that the cross-cutting or transversal issues should include some fundamentals and principles, including ensuring that the 2015 agreement does not exacerbate social inequalities or environmental degradation of any kind. In dealing with environmental issues, we should be aware that this must inherently also address current disparities.

Parallel to our efforts, the Human Rights Council is closely looking into the relationship between **Human Rights** and Climate Change. It is important that our work takes these concerns fully into account, as we have done earlier in the Cancun Agreements.

EIG member countries are committed to further integrate **gender** in the realm of climate change negotiations. Indeed, climate change impacts affect us all. However, due to their varying social roles and livelihood activities, impacts of climate change on women and men often differ. Therefore, it is important to address the gender-aspect of climate change and to take the specific perspectives and needs of women and men duly into account.

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should be a fundamental principle of the 2015 Agreement to ensure effective global actions that trigger mitigation, adaptation and the provision of means of implementation. In this regard, gender equality should be part of the overall principles to guide the instrumentation of actions to follow.

To end, the EIG wishes to **thank** you, the Co-Chairs, all other delegations as well as the representatives of civil society for their support and willingness to engage in fruitful discussions this past week.

We also wish to thank the Secretariat for the continued support. We highly appreciate your efforts around the clock.

And last, we do not want to forget the hospitality of the host country and of the city of Bonn. We always feel welcome here and we look forward to seeing you all again in a few months.

Thank you.