

## Umbrella Group Joint Closing Statement

Co-Chairs,

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.

This week, we have made progress sharing views on the emerging elements of the 2015 Agreement, and sharing lessons on technical options for pursuing untapped renewable energy and energy efficiency potential.

Like others, we are conscious that we are now more than half way through our process and that we need to target our work toward delivering the Warsaw Decision in line with the timetable agreed in Durban. We want to expedite work on substance, and accelerate progress to meet our goals.

This will require further focused work in the ADP that lets us build convergence on elements for the 2015 agreement. It will require more focused work at the next session to provide guidance on the up-front information to accompany post-2020 nationally determined contributions. Each country will need to continue progressing national preparations to bring forward an intended nationally determined contribution in line with the timeline agreed in Warsaw. And we also look forward to advancing work on further technical options for capturing mitigation potential.

We like others highlight the importance of a Party driven process. We as Parties agreed on a set of Decisions in Warsaw and we will have to work together to deliver it, under your guidance.

As you have described it, we understand the basis on which Parties have agreed to move forward under the modality of a Contact Group as being:

- A Contact Group will be established here today and we will resume in this format at our session in June;
- This Contact Group will be established to consider our existing agenda, including both workstreams of the ADP and you will continue to facilitate the Contact Group as Co-Chairs;
- It will proceed in line with our current organisation of work which is to continue to advance workstream 1 in a single group for all Parties and observers, and workstream 2 through technical and other meetings;
- Time will be given at June to each of the tasks decided at Warsaw, covering the elements of the 2015 agreement, up-front information and technical work to raise ambition;

- The Warsaw Decision is to develop elements for a negotiating text. We see the best way for us to move toward convergence is to focus our efforts on thinking about *elements for text*, rather than entering into a detailed text compilation exercise.
- Elements for text will be developed based on the views provided by Parties in their written submissions and also during the course of negotiations, noting it is just as important to capture the work we have done in session to develop the elements of the 2015 agreement.
- And as we move forward we will maintain an integrated and coherent approach to the 2015 agreement, which does not approach work through silo-ed thematic elements, but looks at how elements can functionally be brought together into a 2015 agreement and broader package, in a way that considers overarching issues of form and structure.

Thank You