

Thank you co-chairs,

I would like to welcome you as our new facilitators and I am delighted to find us once again in such capable hands and we look forward to working together with your support.

As this is the first time the UAE has taken the floor, I would like to thank, the Polish government and the people of Warsaw for their warm reception and generous hosting of this conference.

I would also like to thank and congratulate Qatar as the outgoing COP President, for their successful stewardship of the UNFCCC process.

Let me also take the opportunity to join with others in offering our deepest sympathy to the government and people of the Philippines, Palau and other countries in the region as they face the terrible impacts of Typhoon Haiyan.

This tragedy is a stark reminder of the threats that are posed by climatic events, and the urgent need to help developing countries adapt to these impacts.

It is also a reminder that we must stand together with our brothers and sisters in times of hardship. The President of the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, has announced \$10 million in emergency assistance to help those impacted by the typhoon, and many other countries have also come forward with support.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families, as well as with our friends on the delegation here in Warsaw.

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Let me associate myself with the comments made by the chair of the G77 and China and that of the Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Arab League,

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More than ever we must now work with determination towards a new climate agreement.

The new agreement must support and encourage actions from all countries while respecting their diverse national circumstances.

It must also ensure that adaptation and mitigation are given balanced and substantive treatment, including support for developing countries.

A new agreement therefore needs to do three things:

- It must support countries that are dealing with the inevitable impacts of climate change, and those needing to diversify their economies.
- It must ensure an adequate solution to limit emissions in a fair and equitable manner.

- And it must provide adequate means of support for developing countries to play their full part.

Actions and commitments under the new agreement should be based on the principles of the Convention and on countries' own national circumstances, including national circumstances, economic structure, institutional capacity, historical emissions and others. This helps ensure that proposed actions enjoy solid domestic support and have a high probability of implementation.

I want to emphasize that a lot is being done and can be done on this basis.

This year alone the UAE has opened one of the largest solar power facilities in the world, the 100 megawatt Shams 1, as well as several smaller solar arrays.

In July we saw the opening of the world's largest offshore wind farm, the London Array, in which the UAE is a major investor.

And in the last few years we have supported renewable energy projects through development assistance in a wide range of developing countries, including Mauritania, Afghanistan and the Seychelles.

We need to refocus our discussions onto the positive developments emerging around the world in clean energy, resilient development and other critical solutions.

For this reason, the UAE warmly welcomes the initiative by the UN Secretary General to host a Leaders Summit next year focused on these solutions. The UAE stands ready to support this initiative and hopes our partners will do the same.

Thank you.

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