

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a statement on behalf of the Youth Constituency.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the delegations of Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Nicaragua for highlighting and allowing civil society to observe the facilitated group sessions of the ADP. This was meaningful for many (if not all) of us and we hope that future sessions of the ADP in August/September and October will continue to honor the spirit of transparency and inclusivity by allowing observer organizations into these negotiations.

Because of this, we were able to witness Parties at this session working with the ADP Co-Chairs and facilitators to streamline the Geneva text in the first readings; unpack and repack concepts and consider placement in the second readings. We were simultaneously encouraged and disappointed with progress made in some areas while negotiations were stalled in others due to concerns about the process undermining the integrity of proposals during compilation and structure improvement efforts.

Co-Chairs,

There is no more time to waste. Parties need to accelerate work, such as to decide what text should go into the Paris Agreement and which to go into COP Decisions. We hope that Parties will put the consolidated texts and co-facilitators inputs and tables to good use over the next 2 months before they meet again here in late August. We urge you to keep an open mind when considering the streamlined text vis-a-vis the Geneva text and not backslide in the next session. After all, the principle of progression is well established in this forum. This brings us to our next point:

We call on Parties to urgently submit their INDCs soon, or well before 1 October 2015, so that the Technical Report compiled by the Secretariat can accurately reflect whether the world is on track to limit global temperature increase. We are encouraged by Ethiopia's INDC submission to achieve 64% emissions cuts by 2030 while also transitioning into a middle-income country, but only if developed countries deliver on their climate finance commitments.

We strongly recommend that ALL Parties set a quantitative long-term commitment that aligns with the science to give us the highest probability of securing the maximum 1.5°C temperature rise target, and securing a safe and livable world in 2050 and beyond. The most vulnerable nations tell us this must be done, and we must deliver this in Paris.