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Opening Statement for the ADP 2-5

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Thank you Co-Chairs.

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the AILAC group of countries.
 2. At the outset, I would like to associate with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the G77 and China.
 3. Co-Chairs. Allow me to express AILAC's appreciation for your considerable effort in the preparation of the Landscape of Issues identified by Parties, which contains a comprehensive recollection of the multiple elements that have been discussed under the ADP's deliberations up until today.
 4. This Landscape will help us as a useful tool to move forward in the deliberations of the ADP Contact Group. It meets the three fundamental principles we have agreed: a party-driven process, based upon the inputs of Parties, and with outputs that reflect such inputs.
 5. This is the type of work that we expect from you and we consider it to be an adequate starting point for our deliberations. We most assuredly reiterate our support to your guidance under this approach, and look forward to progressive outcomes from our deliberations that capture, as you have done so far, the will and inputs from the Parties.
 6. AILAC acknowledges the fact that, given that the Landscape recalls all of the issues and elements brought forward by the Parties under the ADP's deliberations, it presents divergent views on a number of topics. Others, clearly present groundwork for building consensus in hopes of arriving at common grounds and concepts that enable the result of a draft text at the next CoP in Lima.
 7. Yet, we must highlight that in this exercise there is still an imbalance in the way some issues are presented, since some points provide for a clear narrative to enable their understanding, whereas others are presented on a short schematic approach that seems somewhat disorganized and disarticulated with regards to other elements presented. This of course is part the work that the Parties must engage in in the next days.



8. Co – Chairs, AILAC is unequivocally committed to engage in a constructive discussion with all Parties and stakeholders under the ADP on this basis, without prejudice to the final outcome and its legal form, so as to achieve significant progress in this session and ensure that we arrive at a coherent draft text to be adopted in Lima that in turn enables the adoption of an agreement in Paris on 2015.

Co-Chairs,

9. As the Lima COP approaches, we are conscious of the urgent need to intensify our work. Back in March, as we closed our previous meeting, AILAC identified two main challenges for the way ahead:
 10. First, engaging in a contact group setting requires that Parties have a strong sense of trust and ownership over what we are working on, and at the same time that we are able to deliver through an efficient and rationalized mode of work, under the able guidance of the Co-Chairs.
 11. Second, we still need to identify the elements that will allow us to gather momentum under work-stream 2, going from the initial technical phase, towards a political one where we can have a significant impact on enhancing pre-2020 mitigation actions.
12. As we start these two intense weeks, we have the expectation that we will face these challenges and progress decisively towards COP 20.
13. For this, Co-Chairs, we consider it is fundamental that at this session, we continue engaging constructively on further exploring all the elements that the future legally binding agreement must include. AILAC reiterates the need for those elements to highlight our common global goals and objectives that define a long term vision on each of the main elements of the agreement, as well as the general guiding provisions that will serve as a basis for the future agreement. The 2015 agreement must also set forth clearly the way by which each country will contribute to achieve those global goals.
14. In this regard we have coined in Warsaw the concept of the iNDCs. In April, UNDP and the Government of Colombia held the First Technical Dialogue on iNDCs in Bogota, with the objective of discussing amongst Latin-American countries the scope and the challenges in preparing this contributions. Discussion were indeed productive in particular in regards to the underlying technical basis required to prepare robust, realistic and achievable contributions; as well in the identification of support needs required to reach domestic agreement and follow-up actions in this regard.
15. With this broad conceptual structure in mind, where for each element we craft a global goal accompanied by what all Parties will do to contribute towards its achievement, AILAC looks forward to further developing the elements of the 2015 agreement. AILAC stands



ready to work with all parties, and under the able guidance of our distinguished Co-Chairs, to further develop our collective clarity of the concepts that appear in the Landscape.

16. We are confident that working together will bring us to a renewed global response to climate change. Our collective aim is to achieve a *workable* and coherent draft negotiating text by the end of this year. For this purpose it is imperative that Parties work together to promptly define the elements of the agreement. In parallel, as mandated by COP 19, it is crucial to focus in the preparation of the Lima decision on the information that should accompany NDC, in order to facilitate the understanding and comparability of Parties' contributions. These two should be our priorities here in Bonn.
17. Finally, we would like to highlight the crucial importance that workstream 2 has for AILAC. We know that additional efforts are needed this decade, if we are to achieve our common objective of avoiding temperature rise above 2°C. Efforts and actions undertaken today will be significant savings for the future – this must be always kept in mind.
18. Workstream 2 must contribute to the implementation more ambitious actions in the immediate future and to catalyze a significant increase in investment in climate change in the years between now and 2020. There is an important link between the pre 2020 definition of mitigation ambition, and the clarity and predictability in the pathway to increase the provision of financial resources between now and 2020. This link must not be overseen.
19. In this context, the urgent and significant capitalization of the GCF plays a pivotal role. We were very encouraged by the results of the last GCF Board meeting in Songdo, and are looking forward to see the fund capitalized in the next months, with a very substantial initial capitalization amount; we expect the Fund to be ready to start disbursing resources by the Lima COP.
20. Along with this effort, we must find specific ways in which workstream 2 can contribute to deliver ambitious results on the ground. The technical phase of our work has been useful and necessary; yet, it is time to clearly link this work with political decision-making and concrete mitigation action. We must bear in mind that the potential success of the mitigation component under workstream 1, will build upon the foundations of our pre-2020 work. These foundations need to be strong, robust, well designed and appropriately built, so that the architecture of the future agreement can be ambitious, visionary, and built for delivering long term results.
21. Co-Chairs, what lies ahead of us is no easy task. We stand ready to work together with all Parties, under your able guidance, to achieve ambitious results. We fully trust you to guide us through this journey, for which you have all our support, and can count on us for



moving ahead decisively and boldly. This however cannot be achieved without the commitment of all of us to work together. This is why, through you Co-Chairs, AILAC also would like to express that we fully trust all of our negotiating partners, we count on all of them, and we will be reinforcing our efforts to reach out to all of them, in order to move forward together towards the results that we all need to achieve during the next weeks and months.

Thank you.