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**Opening Statement for the Twentieth Session of the Conference of the Parties (CoP 20) and Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties Acting as the Meeting of the Parties of the Kyoto Protocol**

*Lima, Peru. December 1st, 2014*

Thank you Mr. President

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean - AILAC. Allow me to start by associating ourselves with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the G77 and China.
2. Let me express the full support to your appointment as the President of COP20 and CMP10. We are very pleased and honoured to see Peru, an AILAC member country, hosting COP20 in our region.
3. AILAC is grateful for the warm hospitality of the Peruvian people and appreciates and praises the Government of Peru in its efforts for the successful organization of the 20th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, which we are most confident will be a success. Rest assured that you can count on us to support all of the necessary efforts to arrive to this purpose.

Mr. President,

1. Lima is the defining moment for the future of the multilateral rules based climate change regime we are negotiating. At COP 20 we are to lay the foundations of the architecture of an enhanced regime that will guide our collective and individual climate actions through a universal and legally binding agreement.
2. We are aware of the complexities of the task at hand. However we are ready to build on the momentum from previous sessions and the unanimous echo to intensify negotiations in a transparent, inclusive and -most importantly- productive manner, to arrive at concrete outcomes on all issues, in particular the work under the ADP towards a Paris Protocol under the Convention.

Mr. President,

1. An ambitious outcome in Paris requires arriving at substantive deliverables here in Lima. CoP 20 should produce::
   * 1. A “Lima Draft” that defines the elements for the new agreement, and is recognized as the basis for the ADP to advance towards a Paris Protocol during 2015.
     2. A decision on the ADP that includes the following:
        1. The definition of clear upfront information for the preparation and communication of intended nationally determined contributions on mitigation by all Parties to ensure transparency, clarity, understanding, comparability, aggregability and quantification.
        2. The definition of a robust initial ex ante assessment for the consideration of mitigation INDCs in 2015.
        3. Concrete provisions to foster collective and individual national contributions on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation by all parties.
        4. Catalysed accelerated action on enhanced ambition for the pre 2020 period and desets the basis for appropriate post 2020 action, and continues to increase political momentum.
2. The Lima COP should also build on the momentum raised by the initial capitalization of the GCF and take decisions that constitute a strong outcome on climate finance, fostering its continued and scaled up resource mobilization. We welcome the initial ambitious pledges made to the GCF, in particular those made by developing country parties such as Panama, an AILAC country member, and urge all others in a position to do so to communicate their ambitious contributions.
3. These are only some of the landmark issues that will be addressed in the following weeks, together with many other important issues regarding the ongoing work under the Convention, for all of which AILAC stands ready to engage actively with other Parties.

Mr. President,

1. AILAC attaches paramount relevance to the Doha Amendments, especially regarding the Kyoto Protocol´s second commitment period as an important enabler for pre 2020 ambition on mitigation action.
2. AILAC urges all Parties to fully implement the Doha decisions, and particularly to urgently ratify the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, which require a total of 144 instruments of acceptance for its entry into force. AILAC countries will join this ongoing effort and continue to work at the national level to ratify the amendment as soon as possible, as we are encouraged by the example our host and AILAC member, Peru, has already set.
3. Parties with emission reduction obligations under this instrument, and also those developed country Parties that have communicated that they will not take part of the Doha amendment, should implement their quantified emission limitation and reduction targets without delay, and should increase their ambition to levels required by science without delay. Enhanced mitigation action and the provision of finance, technology and capacity building will constitute a positive signal and build trust for the progress in the negotiations towards the adoption of a legally binding agreement.

Mr. President,

1. AILAC is most eager to continue advancing in a constructive spirit, putting forward proposals to build bridges to collectively enhance the level of ambition, while at the same time acknowledging common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. We believe that these two cornerstones are key for a durable and ambitious climate change regime that paves the way towards low-emission and climate resilient development.

I thank you.