

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES

The Second Session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP 2)

Opening plenary on 29 April 2013

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union, its 27 Member States and Croatia.

In Durban, we reaffirmed our shared goal of keeping the global temperature increase below 2°C relative to pre-industrial temperatures. We know that we face potentially devastating impacts if we fail to achieve this goal. We also know that, collectively, Parties are not yet on an emissions pathway consistent with that goal. Global GHG emissions continue to increase. As the Executive Secretary has indicated, atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ are exceeding levels ever experienced in human history and are predicted to exceed 400ppm by 2014. We have also had recent reports on the potential consequences of failure to stay within the temperature goal. There is an urgent need for progress.

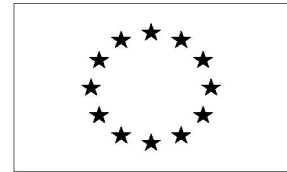
In Doha, the EU and others signed up to a second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol, which we are already implementing. All Parties contributed to bringing the LCA to a successful conclusion. We must now continue the work of implementing the outcomes of Cancun, Durban and Doha. Demonstrating progress on the implementation of Cancun pledges by those outside the KP second commitment period may be more difficult, but is just as important to the climate. In this context, it was very welcome and useful that the SB Chairs provided an update on their work; we see the value in further such updates as our work progresses. This week needs to set a positive basis for the year ahead as we move towards Warsaw. The EU is ready to work with all Parties to move quickly into focused discussions on the issues at hand.

Under the ADP, we agreed to work towards a single, fair and comprehensive, legally-binding agreement under the Convention that is applicable to all Parties. We acknowledged the urgent need to close the pre-2020 mitigation gap to keep the below 2°C goal within reach.

Key objective for the session

Mr. co-Chairs, we fully support the goal of this session, set out in your informal note, to build on the broad, conceptual and scoping discussions we had in 2012, and engage in more specific and detailed work on the core elements of the 2015 agreement and a practical and results-orientated approach to increasing pre-2020 ambition.

Under **workstream one**, we welcome the workshop on the scope, structure and design of the 2015 agreement and subsequent roundtables. In particular, we look forward to identifying with other Parties how they see a spectrum of mitigation commitments emerging in such a way that is fair and reflects evolving economic realities and development opportunities for all Parties while ensuring an adequate global response to the climate change challenge, taking into account the need to keep the global temperature increase below 2°C goal.



Under **workstream 2**, we need to work on identifying concrete actions that will help us close the gap between what science tells us is required and the pledges put forward by Parties to date. We know that there are a number of ways to achieve this, including through more and enhanced pledges as well as through international cooperative initiatives. In response to the urgency expressed by all Parties at Durban and reaffirmed at Doha, workstream 2 must, this year, produce tangible deliverables that result in actual reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Raising ambition through existing and new pledges is essential but we must also take concrete steps on additional actions that offer significant potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions on a global scale. Action on the phase out of HFCs; increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy, the reform of fossil fuel subsidies and other actions offer real opportunities for progress in the short term. We look forward to sharing specific experiences, knowledge and ideas with our partners to make this happen.

We would like to finish this week with a clearer picture of Parties' ideas for the elements that are necessary and will add value to the 2015 agreement, in particular how to design a spectrum of mitigation commitments that is fair and under which all Parties can act. We also need to finish this week having made progress towards concrete actions on enhancing pre-2020 mitigation ambition. In Warsaw, we hope to achieve strong deliverables on implementation, substantive progress on pre-2020 ambition, and a clear pathway for a draft negotiating text by COP 20. We must provide Ministers with the technical inputs that will enable them to engage constructively in Warsaw, setting the scene for a 'year of ambition' in 2014 that will also engage leaders as part of the UN Secretary General's initiative.

Mr. co-Chairs, we look forward to working with you and all of our negotiating partners this week. We aim to realise the opportunities for exchanging ideas and sharing experiences that your programme provides, to move forward in both workstreams, ensuring that our collective 2°C goal stays within reach.