

Copenhagen Accord

The Heads of State, Heads of Government, Ministers, and other heads of delegation present at the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2009 in Copenhagen,

In pursuit of the ultimate objective of the Convention as stated in its Article 2,

Being guided by the principles and provisions of the Convention,

Affirming decision 1/CP.15 and decision 1/CMP.5,

Have agreed on this Copenhagen Accord which is operational immediately.

1. We underline that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. We emphasise our strong political will to urgently combat climate change in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. To achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention to stabilize greenhouse gas concentration in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system, we shall, recognizing the scientific view that the increase in global temperature should be below 2 degrees and in the context of sustainable development, enhance our long-term cooperative action to combat climate change. We recognize the critical impact of climate change on countries particularly vulnerable to its adverse effects and stress the need to establish a comprehensive adaptation programme including international support.

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2. We agree that deep cuts in global emissions are required of at least 50% on 1990 levels by 2050 ~~Deep cuts in global emissions are required~~ according to science, and as documented by the IPCC fourth Assessment Report, [dependent on the development of appropriate low carbon technologies]. We should cooperate in achieving the peaking of global and national emissions as soon as possible, recognizing that the time frame for peaking will be longer in developing countries and bearing in mind that social and economic development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing countries and that a low-carbon development strategy is indispensable to sustainable development.

3. Adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change is a challenge faced by all countries, and enhanced and action and international cooperation on adaptation is urgently required to ensuring the implementation of the Convention and enabling and supporting the implementation of adaptation actions aimed at reducing vulnerability and building resilience in developing countries, especially in those that are particularly vulnerable, especially least developed countries, small island developing States and further taking into account the need of countries in Africa affected by drought, desertification and floods. We agree that developed countries shall provide adequate, predictable and sustainable financial resources, technology and capacity-building to support the implementation of adaptation action in developing countries.

4. Annex 1 Parties to the Convention commit to reducing their emissions individually or jointly by at least 80% by 2050. They also commit to implement (individually or jointly) the quantified economy-wide emissions targets for 2020 as listed in Appendix 1. In order to further strengthen the emission reductions initiated by the Kyoto Protocol and without

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~~prejudging in which legal instruments Annex 1 Parties commitments would be listed, Annex I Parties to the Convention commit to implement, individually or jointly, the quantified economy wide emission targets for 2020 as listed yielding in aggregate reductions of greenhouse gas emissions of X per cent in 2020 compared to 1990 and Y per cent in 2020 compared to 2005. Delivery of reductions and financing by developed countries will be measured, reported and verified in accordance with existing and any further guidelines adopted by the Conference of Parties, and will ensure that accounting of such targets and finance is rigorous, robust and transparent.~~

X 5. The Non-Annex 1 Parties listed in Appendix 2 have committed to undertake the nationally appropriate mitigation actions listed therein, with a view to achieving a significant deviation below business as usual of around 15-30% collectively; some of these actions are undertaken unilaterally while some are conditional on financial, technology and capacity building support. These actions are domestic commitments that are internationally registered. Non-Annex I Parties to the Convention resolve to implement mitigation actions, based on their specific national circumstances and in the context of sustainable development. Mitigation actions taken and envisaged by Non-Annex I Parties shall be reflected through their national communications in accordance with Article 12.1 (b) of the Convention to be submitted by every two years. Mitigation actions taken by Non-Annex I Parties will be subject to their domestic auditing, supervision and assessment, the result of which will be reported through their national communications. A consultative process, (the Periodic Forum,) is hereby established which will comprise all parties convening regularly to consider the climate policy and practices of parties. The consultative process shall be based on the report of the national authority which will include its national inventory. Clarification may, upon request, be provided by the country concerned at its discretion to respond to any question regarding information contained in the national communications. Nationally appropriate mitigation actions supported and enabled by countries in terms of technology, financing and capacity building will be registered in a registry, including both actions taken and relevant technology, financing and capacity building support. These supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions shall be subject to international measurement, reporting and verification in accordance with guidelines elaborated by the COP. We take note of the information on enhanced mitigation actions by Non-Annex I Parties as listed.

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6. Developing countries should contribute to mitigation actions in the forest sector by undertaking the following activities: reducing emissions from deforestation, reducing emissions from forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forest, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

7. We decide to pursue various approaches, including opportunities to use markets, to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions.

X 8. Scaled up, new and additional, predictable and adequate funding as well as improved access shall be provided to developing countries, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention, to enable and support enhanced action on mitigation, including substantial finance to prevent deforestation (REDD-plus), adaptation, technology development and transfer and capacity-building, for enhanced implementation of the Convention. ~~We take note of the individual pledges (The commitment by developed countries is to provide new and additional resources amounting to 30 billion dollars for the period 2010 - 2012 with parity balanced and earmarked allocation between adaptation and mitigation, including forestry. Funding for adaptation shall prioritise as listed and with funding for adaptation prioritized for~~

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the most vulnerable developing countries, such as the least developed countries, small island developing states and ~~countries in Africa affected by drought, desertification and floods.~~ In the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation, the ~~developed countries~~ Parties support a goal of mobilizing jointly 100 billion dollars a year by 2020 to address the ~~climate change~~ needs of developing countries. This funding will come from a wide variety of sources, public and private, bilateral and multilateral, including alternative sources of finance. Funding for adaptation ~~it~~ will be delivered through effective and efficient trust fund arrangements, with a governance structure providing for equal representation of developed and developing countries.

9. A High Level Panel will be established under the guidance of and accountable to the Conference of the Parties to assess the contribution of the potential sources of revenue, including alternative sources of finance, towards meeting this goal.

10. We decide that the Copenhagen Climate Fund shall be established as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing countries related to mitigation including REDD-plus, adaptation, capacity-building, technology development and transfer as set forth in decision -/CP.15. Financing for mitigation activities will be related to emissions reduced or captured.

11. In order to enhance action on development and transfer of technology we decide to establish a Technology Mechanism as set forth in decision -/CP.15 to accelerate technology development and transfer in support of action on adaptation and mitigation that will be guided by a country-driven approach and be based on national circumstances and priorities.

12. We call for a review of this Accord and its implementation in 2016, including in light of the Convention's ultimate objective.

KEEP PARA 13 AS AMENDED

13. Capturing the progress achieved in the work by the Ad Hoc working Group on Long Term Cooperative Action and Ad Hoc Working Group on the Kyoto Protocol, under the Convention the Parties by continuing negotiations pursuant to decisions taken at COP13 and this decision, with a view to adopting one or more legal instruments under the Convention ideally within 6 months or no later than December 2010. Parties hereby establish a new working group to negotiate these legal instrument(s) and at the same time will continue the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex 1 Parties under Kyoto Protocol to negotiate one or more legal instruments under the Convention.