

ADP CLOSING PLENARY—AOSIS STATEMENT

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Co-Chairs,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). AOSIS wishes to associate itself with the statement made by Algeria on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the statement of Swaziland on behalf of the African Group and the Gambia on behalf of the LDCs.

Distinguished Co-Chairs,

We are very pleased to join others in commending your leadership in the early stages of our work under the ADP. Under your guidance we have had constructive discussions under both workstreams and we look forward to our work progressing. As we all know, the work of the ADP will be critical to the final Doha package.

As AOSIS stated at the opening plenary, the workstream on mitigation ambition is of fundamental importance and priority to AOSIS. Enhancing pre-2020 mitigation ambition is essential in order to minimize the adverse, and avoid potentially catastrophic impacts of climate change in all countries, and is particularly critical to preserving the development prospects, viability and survival of SIDS.

The UNEP Gap report has identified a number of ways to increase mitigation ambition, including raising pledges, removing conditions, and tightening rules, all of which should be outcomes of Doha.

AOSIS would also like to underscore the need for developed countries to rapidly increase the provision of means of implementation, including financial resources, technology transfer and development and capacity building, to enable developing countries to implement existing NAMAs and adopt more ambitious ones. . This is a critical element for increasing ambition that has not gotten the attention it deserves. We should also address the barriers SIDS often face accessing the means of implementation

The mitigation ambition workplan should support, not detract from ongoing efforts to raise ambition under the AWG-LCA and AWG-KP so that those bodies can reach a successful completion of their work in Doha.

In relation to workstream 1, AOSIS is of the strong view, shared by many Parties, that the ADP falls under the ambit of the Convention. It is not an opportunity to re-write its terms, nor is it an opportunity to pick and choose which principles and provisions we import into the new protocol.

We underscore our expectation that all Parties will agree to a legally binding protocol in 2015. These negotiations must lead to an outcome that is climate effective.

Co-Chairs, on the way forward, our understanding is that contact groups will be promptly established in accordance with the two workstreams.

Under workstream 2, increasing mitigation ambition will require high-level political engagement, so there should be ministerial roundtables on ambition at the Pre-Cop in the Republic of Korea and at COP18/CMP8 in Doha.

Lastly, AOSIS sees a need to explore different modalities of work, in particular for workstream 2, to ensure focused discussions that translate into rapid progress towards our objective of closing the mitigation ambition gap. We should not only rely on roundtables, but we need to provide the time and space for concrete decision making.

Thank you.