



**Statement delivered by the Honorable Mr Kieren Keke, Minister of Foreign Affairs
on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States**

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Nauru delivers this statement on behalf of AOSIS.

Mr. president,

Thank you for your hard work, commitment, hospitality, and entertainment.

AOSIS came to Doha to protect our interests based on the science and international law. The lives of our people and future of our countries are on the line.

We see the draft package before us as deeply deficient in mitigation ambition and finance. The current package does not close the ambition gap and is likely to lock in a trajectory of an over 3, 4 or 5 degrees C rise in global temperature.

We have seen some tightening of the KP rules, and this is important to environmental integrity. Yet, we have not seen any increase in the commitments needed to achieve the global temperature goal, ensure we meet our ultimate objective of the Convention, keep global average temperature below 1.5 degrees and ensure the survival of all islands.

There is no new finance on the table, only promises that something might materialize in the future. Finance was missing in Durban and it remains missing here in Doha. It is difficult to see how we can continue this process unless we mobilise the necessary financial resources to enable the urgently needed funding for mitigation and adaptation.

In light of the inadequate mitigation ambition, the need for a loss and damage mechanism is even more urgent. We look forward to the establishment of the international mechanism next year.

On the ADP, enhancing pre-2020 mitigation ambition is critical, and in light of what currently appears on the table, we will need to see this significantly enhanced next year. We look

forward to further discussions next year to enhance the pre-2020 mitigation workplan and ensure a clear link to means of implementation.

Under this work plan we have the opportunity to change the internal dialogue of this Convention, and work together in a constructive atmosphere.

In light of the inadequate package we must raise the crisis we are in to the highest political levels and actively engage throughout the year at the Ministerial level and at the level of Leaders.

Moreover, we must engage our whole of Governments, and ensure our experts from Finance, Energy, Transport, and other relevant ministries are all sitting around the table looking for solutions that benefit us all.

Our work requires direction if we are to avert further tragedies caused by climate change.

We expect the climate change Leaders Summit in 2014 to deliver concrete outcomes to close the ambition gap.

The reality of what we face demands explicit and concrete actions to bridge the emissions gap, the financial gap, and the gaps in ensuring that developing countries can address the impacts of climate change.

In the future, we need to come to these gatherings knowing that explicit and concrete actions will be delivered, otherwise we will not be able to agree.

It is insufficient for delegations to come with energy, intent and enthusiasm, without the resources to deliver.

How can we weigh up the value of matters such as units versus the existence of our island nations?

Those who are obstructive and self serving need to realize we are not talking about impacts on how comfortable *your* people live, but whether or not our people *will* live.

Those who are indifferent need to open their eyes.

Much much more is needed if we are to save this process from being simply a process for the sake of process; a process that simply provides for talk and no action; a process that locks in the death of our nations, our people, and our children.

We need outcomes from this process that protect the most vulnerable among us.

Much much more is needed if we are really going to address climate change and reduce emissions.

The outcome today provides little more than a gateway to a long path. There is a fork in that path. We need to take the correct turn as we walk this path, or this process will collapse and our nations will disappear.