



STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. MANASVI SRISODAPOL, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHAIR OF THE GROUP OF 77 FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA, AT THE JOINT PLENARY OF THE 22ND SESSION OF CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP22) AND THE 12TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL (CMP12) (Marrakech, Morocco, 8 November 2016)

Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished representatives, Ladies and gentlemen,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. At the outset, the Group would like to congratulate the presidency of the Kingdom of Morocco and express our deep gratitude for the warm hospitality. We reaffirm our support to the Presidency and stand ready to working constructively with all Parties to ensure meaningful outcomes and success of our deliberations.
3. May I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank and commend the Government of France and the outgoing President for the able leadership in steering COP21 and CMP11.

Mr. President,

4. Climate change and sustainable development are intrinsically linked; the goals and targets under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development cannot be achieved if countries continue to face with negative impacts of climate change.
5. The Group welcomes the Paris Agreement and its early entry into force, and encourages all its Parties to fully implement the Agreement, and Parties to the UNFCCC that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible.
6. As we are now in the implementation phase of the Paris Agreement, as applicable to Parties that ratify the Agreement, it is crucial to preserve the delicate balance from Paris and ensure that no one will be left behind. In moving forward, we must ensure transparency, inclusiveness, Party-driven process, and balance of all issues and across different bodies. As for enhancing the implementation of the Convention, its provisions and principles, in particular equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, must be taken into account.

Mr. President,

7. The work of enhancing the pre-2020 actions is long overdue. After nearly four years, only 71 parties have deposited their instruments of acceptance to the Doha Amendment. We therefore urge all Parties to ratify the Amendment expeditiously.
8. The Group also stresses the urgent need to enhance the pre-2020 ambition which will provide a strong basis for post-2020 efforts under the Paris Agreement. Any deficiency in fulfilling the pre-2020 or closure of emission of reduction gap and means of implementation gaps shall not be deferred. We call on Parties that have not deposited their instruments of acceptance to announce their plans.

9. We look forward to the Facilitative Dialogue on enhancing ambition and support in Marrakech to assess progress of the pre-2020 implementation and identify opportunities to enhance the provision of financial resources, including for technology development, and transfer, and capacity-building support.

10. As for the concrete roadmap on how to achieve a floor of the 100 billion USD goal per year by 2020, we stress the significance of the source of additional, adequate and predictable finance and call for developed country Parties to enhance ambition on mitigation actions and the provision and mobilization of support.

Mr. President,

11. Developing country Parties require urgent and enhanced support in order to formulate and implement their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs). Financing for adaptation is therefore critical and securing the role of the Adaptation Fund to serve the Paris Agreement is welcomed and should be enhanced. We take note of the progress made by the Nairobi Work Programme (NWP), Least Developed Countries Experts Group (LEG) and Adaptation Committee (AC), and note with concern that the current financial availability for the AC and LEG is inadequate for supporting the implementation of NAPs related activities.

12. The Group further takes note of the report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, including the implementation of its initial two-year work plan. We consider the five-year rolling work plan as the basis for developing corresponding activities and in order for this mechanism to be meaningful, it must address the needs and challenges faced by developing countries emerging from extreme and slow-onset events. We urge developed country Parties to make available resources to support those activities under this new work plan.

Mr. President,

13. Means of implementation are critical for actions on mitigation and adaptation both pre-2020 and post-2020. Hence, the adequate, predictable and sustained finance, technology and capacity-building must be provided and delivered by developed country Parties to assist developing country Parties with respect to enhancing their climate actions. 14. The Group is of concern that adaptation finance provided to developing countries in 2013-2014 is still insufficient, as reflected in the report of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF). We reiterate the need to scale up adaptation finance, particularly in the context of increasing climate risks faced by developing countries, and ensuring the balance between financing for mitigation and adaptation.

15. On enhanced transparency framework, the Group is of a belief that a more focus should be given to transparency of support as it is yet as mature as transparency of actions. 16. The Group attaches great importance to the work to be done under the APA on the preparatory work necessary to make the Adaptation Fund serve the Paris Agreement. Adaptation is a priority of developing countries in the light of increasing adverse effects of climate change. The Adaptation Fund has made operational direct access for developing countries and has financed concrete adaptation actions by developing countries. We therefore look forward to having this preparatory work done successfully in the APA.

17. The Group is concerned that the focus defined and decided by the COP has now been diluted in the programme prepared by this High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance. Work has been done by Parties for the past two years to decide on the themes of the high-level dialogue. We

would urge that the programme and focus be restored to be coherent with the COP decision on long-term finance.

Mr. President,

18. Technology development and transfer is a key component for developing countries to be able to effectively address climate change. Effective mitigation and adaptation actions will depend on access to technology, including the development of endogenous technologies by developing countries. The Technology Mechanism has an important role to play in order to support the rapid transfer of technologies to developing countries, helping them innovate and develop their own technologies. We would like to see concrete enhanced actions on technology development and transfer, accelerated and scaled up by the technology mechanism, under the guidance of the COP through the subsidiary bodies and the Technology Framework. In this regard, we believe it is crucial for the technology mechanism to strengthen its effective linkages with the financial mechanism.

19. Capacity building is one of the key deliverables to the success of Marrakech. Capacity-building should be based on and responsive to national needs and fostering country ownership, and the process must be participatory, Party-driven and cross-cutting. In our view, COP 22 should adopt the Terms of Reference and initial work plan for the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB) to ensure a timely start of its work in 2017 and the nomination of the representatives of the Committee. We expect progress and early operationalization of the whole package of capacity-building, including the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT). It is important to ensure that there is linkage between and no duplication of the works of PCCB and CBIT.

20. Last but not least, the Group requests the COP to instruct implementing agencies including but not limited to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to not exclude any non Annex I party from support regarding means of implementation especially finance, technology transfer and capacity building in addition to preparation of national periodic reports to be submitted to the convention and to ensure accessibility of eligible non Annex I parties to available resources.

Mr. President,

21. The Group wishes to once again express our support to you in guiding us to a successful conclusion of this Conference through a transparent, inclusive and Party-driven process. The Group is committed to engage positively and constructively.

I thank you.