EIG Statement for APA Closing Plenary

Thank you Madame Co-Chairs, I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG) comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

Let me start by thanking you, the APA Co-chairs, for guiding us through this important work this week here in Marrakech. In our view, we indeed did make some progress on the agenda items under APA: dedicated time allocated to all of the items allowed Parties to share their views on the substantive topics and their expectations of the work to be undertaken under the items. The draft conclusions mandate further technical work such as targeted submissions and workshops to advance the discussions.

In particular, we are glad to see that Parties seem to share the common sense of urgency with regards to the development of common modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support.

However, listening carefully to other Parties during the last week, we noted with concern, that some Parties reiterated their pre-Paris positions. In our view, it is essential to keep the well-drafted balance and ambition of the Paris outcome. It is a package in which all of us lost important elements, but also manage to ensure the elements that are important for us are in there. Backsliding from that compromise is not the spirit that we need in order to maintain the Paris momentum. The EIG came to Marrakech with the clear mandate to work hard and stay faithful to the outcome in Paris and we ask other Parties to do the same.

On the organization of work, we don't understand why we are about to finalize the work under the Ad-hoc working group of the Paris agreement. The operationalization of the Paris agreement is one of the most important tasks after COP21 and the level of detail and amount of technical work needed calls for more than just one week here in Marrakech. The EIG affirmed repeatedly its commitment to work over the full two weeks to use the time we have here in Marrakech best to move forward on the essential work mandated under the Paris agreement.

Bringing all the experts for the different topics to COPs is expensive and not an easy task, we all know that. Therefore, it is hard for us to understand why our negotiations

experts should not be allowed to do some work in the second week. Time is very precious and urgent action is needed to implement the Paris Agreement.

Madame Co-chairs, we hope that we will all bear this in mind when we meet next May in Bonn but also at the next COP to be held in November of 2017. We clearly want the next COP to be a COP where we will be working hard for a robust and ambitious operationalization of the Paris Agreement, where we all, also the smaller delegations, can fully engage.

Thank you Madame Co-Chairs.