EIG Opening Statement for APA 1-2

Madam Co-Chairs, [Madam Executive Secretary], Excellencies, dear colleagues and friends.

I have the honor to make this statement on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, the EIG, comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

We can begin this second session of the ADP with a very positive and motivating signal: the early entry into force of the Paris Agreement. We want to celebrate this proudly – but this should not distract us from our commitment to continue the work in the APA. On the contrary: it should motivate us to expedite our work. We all have travelled to Marrakech committed to work on the Paris rules book. Let us fully and efficiently use our time here. Therefore, the EIG proposes that the APA should continue its important work beyond the first week of the COP.

Madam Co-Chairs, the EIG thanks you for the Scenario Note that you prepared for this session. It clearly shows the amount of work ahead of us and allowed us to come to Marrakesh well prepared to work hard to deliver on what we decided in Paris. As you have rightly indicated, we have to move from scoping the discussion to identifying the essential questions and developing specific proposals. We should leave Marrakech with a clear understanding of the relevant issues and possible solutions.

We support the approach that you have outlined so clearly to us, to move rapidly from a single contact group to informal consultations and to hold one or if needed several stock take meetings of the single contact group. Thereby, it will important to ensure also a space where Parties can interact just amongst themselves.

The EIG would have hoped a more balanced composition of the group of co-facilitators. But we are ready to engage actively and constructively in a fully transparent and inclusive process. Thereby it is important that the co-facilitators can use different approaches in the light of the differences in substance and content they have to address. You as co-chairs will ensure a comparable treatment that allows comparable progress in all areas. This may require that some areas may need more time than others over the two weeks, and that not all items will need the same follow up after Marrakech. In order to make best use of the time here in Marrakech, rather than splitting the informal consultations on one agenda item in 2 parallel groups, the EIG is

ready also to deepen the work also in informal informal consultations. The outcome of our work here in Marrakech should be captured by you, Madam co-chairs, in a reflection note, to which summaries of the co-facilitators can be attached.

Madam Co-chairs, dear colleagues and friends, I do not have to repeat here the EIG's initial views on the substance of mitigation, adaptation contribution, transparency and stocktake in its written submissions. But let me take this opportunity to thank all our partners for their rich and substantive submissions – they have helped us to come prepared and solution oriented to Marrakech. Let me assure you that the EIG stands ready to engage in the technical discussions needed to operationalize the Paris Agreement in an effective, robust and ambitious manner.

Thank you Madame Co-Chairs.