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Madam Co-Chairs,
Excellencies,
Distinguished representatives,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. At the outset, the Group would like to thank Co-Chairs, for the scenario note which provides a helpful outline for our work at this session, especially since we are working under a time constraint. We are looking forward to working closely with you and to engaging actively and constructively.

3. In moving forward, we reiterate that the work of APA should be party-driven and undertaken in a balanced and coherent manner. Transparency and inclusiveness must be ensured. We appreciate the Co-Chairs' efforts to take into account the constraint of small delegations when scheduling meetings. The Group highlights the importance of guidance given to facilitators to ensure comparable treatment and even progress for all issues.

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4. The Paris Agreement achieved a delicate balance of all issues. In this regard, the Group reiterates that Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are a key vehicle to deliver enhanced action under the Paris Agreement to achieve its long term goals on all issues, including mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation.

5. On **further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP. 21**, the Group stresses that national determination is one of the features of NDCs and that the further guidance should take into account such character. The guidance should assist Parties with the preparation and communication of their NDCs in order to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of Parties' contributions. Nonetheless, it should be developed in a flexible manner to accommodate the diversity of NDCs and the national circumstances of developing country Parties. Developed country Parties should continue to take the lead in applying the guidance for accounting. Implementation of NDCs, by Parties who have presented them, should reflect the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in light of different national circumstances.

6. On **further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication**, the Group emphasizes the importance of adaptation especially since climate change has adversely impacted on our members, and sees this as opportunity to raise the profile of adaptation and position it at an equal footing with mitigation, and as a tool to help us achieve the Global Goal on Adaptation. The balance between adaptation and mitigation should continue to be pursued in the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The Group stresses that the guidance must reflect the country-driven nature of adaptation and aim to enhance the adaptive capacity, reduce vulnerability and increase resilience without creating additional burdens on developing countries, be comprehensive and have optional elements help guide Parties' Adaptation communication. We emphasize that all vehicles outlined in Article 7, paragraph 11, of the Paris Agreement can be used. The Group considers the adaptation communications as an essential input to the global stocktake and adequate action and support for adaptation.

7. On **modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support**, the Group believes that given the tight timeline for this work to be considered by the CMA in 2018, it is important to get started on the technical work which will be Party driven and guided by the key principles of the enhanced transparency framework. The Group also emphasizes that the work should progress in a balanced manner across all elements of the enhanced transparency framework, recognizing there is less experience to draw upon for transparency of support. On the notion of flexibility, the Group highlights that flexibility applies to all aspects of the enhanced transparency framework – reporting, review, and multilateral consideration, for developing countries in light of their capacities. The Group is of the view that agreeing on a work programme will be a good start to the work ahead.

8. On **matters relating to the Global stocktake**, the Group believes that modalities of the Global Stocktake shall be done in comprehensive and facilita-

tive manner, considering mitigation, adaptation and the means of implementation and support, and in light of equity and the best available science. Further discussion on the scope of global stocktake is important for reaching a common understand and will provide a strong basis for addressing its designs including sources of input and modalities and ensure that it assists Parties in enhancing and/or updating action and support.

9. On **modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance**, the Group reaffirms that the Committee shall be facilitative in nature and function in a transparent, non-adversarial and non-punitive manner. National capabilities and circumstances of Parties shall be reflected and the adequate participation of Parties concerned is important for its effective operation. Self-triggering could be an important mechanism to trigger the work of the Committee. The Group stands ready to engage based on the guiding questions by the Co-Chairs.

10. The Paris Agreement has entered into force at an unprecedented speed which marks the level of importance the global community attached to climate change. This momentum must be maintained. As we now embark on the implementation phase of the Paris Agreement, in particular with the convening of the CMA1, we must ensure that no one will be left behind and that the implementation of the Paris Agreement only apply to the Parties that have ratified the Agreement. The Group believes that our work should have a clear timeline in order to send a positive signal to the international community that work is progressing.

Madam Co-Chairs,

11. The Group of 77 and China would like to, once again, underscore the importance of accelerating the implementation of pre-2020 commitments and actions, including the ratification of the Doha amendment, and the need to address the significant gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation pledges by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways. We therefore emphasize the urgency to revisit and increase the emission reduction targets under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol. We also emphasize the importance of implementing and enhancing the provision of finance, technology development and transfer and capacity building support by developed country Parties for developing countries, including the implementation of the road map to achieve the goal of providing USD 100 billion annually by 2020.

12. We are looking forward to working closely with both of you, and all delegates, during this session. Thank you.