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Dear Colleagues,

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Nobody can deny that this Cancun conference is taking place in an outstanding context, and that is pervaded by a climate of optimism and willingness to reach tangible results. I firmly believe that this positive thinking and the vigorous leadership of the Mexican presidency will give us a chance to make a quantum leap towards a global commitment in the fight to climate changes.

The ~~Copenhagen~~ setback we suffered last year must be turned into a strong point. Today we know better than in any other step of the process, which obstacles are the real ones to overcome in this negotiation, we know that pitching our ambitions too high and too soon could backfire, and prevent us from reaching the crucial, yet attainable results we need.

Humanity is playing for high stakes here, we can't afford to fail again.

We must all leave Cancun with the overarching architecture of a partially defined agreement that we'll be committed to sign next year in South Africa.

I am sure that nobody will back-down from a solution that foresees balanced and shared commitments for all, and I say ALL, the countries.

Our future agreement must also incorporate the low carbon development option for developing countries: a solution strongly supported and promoted by the industrialized world.

I think it's clear to everybody that the winning approach is not to be found in demagogy, but rather in a sense of responsibility, accountability and concreteness that was missing last year and that finally seems to be our guiding light here in Cancun.

We've made some undeniable progress in some key areas of what tomorrow could turn out to be the global agreement on climate and sustainable development.

I am thinking about the establishment of a mechanism for the dissemination and transfer of those new technologies that are so important not only to decarbonize our respective economies but also to foster a sustainable social and economic growth in the yet too many parts of the world having the right to improve its living standards and conditions.

The cooperation framework for the fight against deforestation is equally important and will be instrumental in the reduction of global emissions, but also in the preservation and development of indigenous people who have kept with forests a virtous relationship for thousands of years.

Last but certainly not least is the significant progress made in the field of adaptation policies and funding. A good funding mechanism for adaptation is a prerequisite for an exhaustive development strategy and for the definition of a long term financial architecture to guarantee a substantial increase of resources, a sustainable flow of action and to ensure the effectiveness of all the present and future initiatives.

Italy has worked a lot for the success of this conference. We have tried our best to facilitate dialogue and to reconcile different positions, and we always insisted that we must all show a common commitment towards a common goal.

In order for this global commitment to be really effective, Cina and the USA must be part of the picture, because they belong to this fight.

And it is to Cina and the US that I launch an appeal, asking them to take greater commitments against climate changes.

The final phase of this negotiation will be, as usually, decisive.

We'll put all our efforts into it, all our energies, till the very last minute, in order to achieve what is within our reach.

We'll do that to pocket a success that we could offer tomorrow to the public opinion, and that we will use as roadmap to reach in one year a global agreement, a shared agreement, a gift to our planet and its people.