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SPEECH OF HE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT MALAYSIA

Madam President, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

1. The Malaysian delegation expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to the government and people of Mexico for their warm hospitality accorded to us in this beautiful resort city of Cancun.

2. Through you Madam President, we commend Mexico on the level of transparency and openness with which this COP has been conducted. We also extend our appreciation to the chairs and the facilitators for their untiring efforts to forge consensus through the spirit of multilateralism.

Madam President,

3. It has been a long journey from Malaysia to Cancun. We wish to return home with lasting memories of Cancun as the place where convergence on critical issues was achieved. I strongly believe that collectively, we can overcome the difficult issues that divide us.

4. As we know, the essential element needed is the leadership role of Annex I Parties. It should lead to deeper cuts, and comparable emission reductions targets, for both Kyoto and non-Kyoto Annex I parties, respectively. What we have seen thus far does not reflect the level of ambition required by the science to achieve the two-degree Centigrade target. Let us not forget that, as it stands, the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol is a legal requirement and should not be linked to mitigation actions of developing countries.

5. Central to the issue of effective mitigation efforts of developing countries is the creation of the new climate fund under the direct supervision of the COP. This fund is critical in ensuring sustainable financing, capacity enhancement and technology transfer in developing countries.

6. We also urge Parties to bring to a successful conclusion, the ongoing negotiations on REDD+ as it will complement and support the existing mitigation actions in the developing countries.

Madam President,

7. The Malaysian government has taken the initiative to strive towards a low carbon society. Among the ongoing programmes are measures targeting Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.

8. In addition, Malaysia reaffirms its commitment to maintain 50% of its land area under green cover through Sustainable Forest Management and good agricultural practises. We are also embarking on a long-term tree planting programme. Between April and June this year, more than 5 million trees have been planted. This is part of an ambitious plan to plant 26 million trees.

9. All these measures are part of a comprehensive roadmap to achieve the voluntary indicator announced by our Prime Minister in Copenhagen.

10. In conclusion, I am confident that you, as President of the COP, will remain a true advocate of transparency and inclusivity in your efforts to craft a successful outcome here in Cancun.

I thank you Madam President.