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Madam President, distinguished delegates

ESTONIA

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We came here to make progress towards establishing an ambitious legally binding post-2012 regime to combat climate change.
The world is looking at us with a need to adopt a set of decisions and agree upon a work programme for the next steps to be taken here in Cancun, to ensure a balanced outcome across and within both negotiating tracks, address the concerns of the Parties and capture the progress made so far in both tracks; these decisions should contribute to the establishment of a comprehensive post-2012 climate change regime based on coherent, stable and transparent rules.

As the Chair of the EU Council Mrs Joke Schauvliege highlighted, EU and its 27 member states want a balanced package with essential elements in it such as mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer, finance, REDD+ and capacity-building. On mitigation it is important to capture the pledges made so far in the UN climate change process and to make clear that the two degree objective is possible to meet but pledges made so far are insufficient. For that it is crucial that developed countries commit themselves to comparable emission reductions and that more advanced developing countries contribute adequately according to their responsibilities and respective capabilities.

As a member of European Union, Estonia has already legally binding commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in period 2013-2020. There is a clear need to strengthen the environmental integrity within new global climate change framework. Here in Cancun we have had good discussions relating to

LULUCF. Madam President, Estonia is a country of nature and forests and sustainable forest management is important to us. We are happy to see progress made so far on accounting rules for forest management and we would be very happy to see an agreed outcome.

UN process is complicated and slow like European Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard said in her statement but EU is committed to do all it can to ensure successful outcome here in Cancun. Madam President, Mexico has shown full transparency and inclusiveness to rebuild trust in the UN climate change process and we duly appreciate your remarkable efforts.

As Ban Ki-moon said "We cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good" .

Thank You!