HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

Statement by
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to first take the opportunity to thank the Mexican Government and the people of Mexico for its warm hospitality during the past two weeks.

Climate change is affecting all of us, in developing countries as well as in developed countries. Climate Change is a global threat that requires a global answer. Having this in mind and considering the fact that time is running out we have to act now and not tomorrow.

We have set a first step in Copenhagen on which we should build on. Let me assure you, Liechtenstein is deeply committed to the content of the Copenhagen Accord. I am sure that for the majority of Countries that have associated itself to the Accord, its content goes far beyond a simple political statement.

Liechtenstein is committed to the goal of limiting global warming to a maximum limit of 2 C.

Liechtenstein is committed to provide a fair share to the initiated fast start finance process as well as to the long term financing goal of raising an annual amount of 100 billion Dollars by 2020.

Liechtenstein is prepared to reduce its emissions by 20 % by 2020 without any conditions. I am sure that, together with other developed countries, we might even be able to achieve a reduction by 30 %.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Liechtenstein is a member to the Environmental Integrity Group, a group comprises of Mexico, Monaco, South Korea and Switzerland. This year here in Cancun, the Environmental Integrity Group celebrates its 10th anniversary.

The greatest anniversary gift would be a successful outcome of our negotiations here in Cancun, not only for the EIG but for the whole world.

Thank you very much.