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Mr. President,

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

2. We would like to express our full support to you and thank for your leadership.

3. The Group welcomes the early entry into force of the Paris Agreement which signifies the high level of political commitment the global community attaches to climate change. We must maintain this momentum.

4. COP22 is the "COP for action". We need enhanced actions and ambitions, on both mitigation and adaptation, as well as support.

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5. Countries of the Group of 77 and China have been the most affected by the adverse impacts of climate change. Yet we are taking ambitious measures in line with our capacities. Developed countries must support our endeavors.

6. The Group would like to highlight the following points on the implementation phase of the Paris Agreement, as applicable to Parties that ratify the Agreement:

7. First, the delicate balance achieved in Paris must be preserved. It is crucial to ensure transparency, inclusiveness, Party-driven process, and balance of all issues and across all work plans of subsidiary bodies. We must reaffirm the provisions and principles of the Convention, in particular, equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities as reflected in the Paris Agreement.

8. Second, there is an urgent need to enhance the pre-2020 ambition, including the expeditious ratification of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to provide a strong basis for post-2020 efforts under the Paris Agreement.

9. Third, capacity-building support for climate action is critical for developing countries and should be based on and responsive to national needs, foster country ownership, participatory, and cross-cutting.

10. Fourth, developing countries require additional, adequate, predictable and sustainable climate financing to transform our economies to climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions. The Group notes the efforts by developed countries for the formulation of a roadmap to achieve the floor of 100 billion USD per year by 2020. We reiterate our call for developed country Parties to enhance ambition on the provision and mobilization of support, and to achieve a balance between adaptation and mitigation finance, including by setting a target to quadruple resources allocated to adaptation from public and grant-based sources by 2020.

11. Fifth, technology development and transfer is also vital. Technology mechanism needs to be enhanced to support the rapid transfer of technologies from developed countries to developing countries, helping them to innovate and develop their own technologies. Concrete enhanced actions on technology development and transfer and strengthening of the linkages between the technology mechanism and the financial mechanism is required.

12. Direct access of all developing country parties of the convention and Paris Agreement to means of implementation including finance, technology transfer and capacity building provided by multilateral supporting mechanism should be simplified and granted.

13. For us, adaptation remains a priority. Developing countries are the least contributors to climate change, however, we are the most affected. In order to increase adaptive capacity and resilience, we require the implementation of guarantees of the Paris Agreement in terms of the means of implementation.

14. The Group remains ever committed to addressing climate change and looks forward to a clear and strong outcome of COP22.

I thank you Mr. President.