

STATEMENT AT JOINT HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF COP15/CMP5

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Your excellencies,

Ladies and Gentleman,

Distinguished delegates,

It is my honor to address all of you at a moment when the eyes of the world are upon us. This is the occasion that should ensure the political will to seal the deal on an ambitious new climate agreement.

Climate change is happening and affects every aspect of the society. That is why we must conclude this agreement. The agreement which will ensure sustained growth and prosperity that will benefit all nations and secure our common future.

That is why our agreement must ensure emission reduction to the level required to keep global warming below 2⁰C.

The Copenhagen Agreement needs to cover all parts of the Bali mandates. It must be built on the fundamental principle of common but differentiated responsibility and respective capability.

Therefore, we believe that developed countries need to demonstrate leadership through reducing their emissions and supporting developing ones by financing, capacity building and technology transfer.

We also believe that all developing countries must make significant effort to limit their emissions growth compared with what would happen without actions, and in accordance with their respective capabilities and capacities. Developing countries contribution to global emission reduction will need to be supported by secured investments and facilitated by the global spread of technologies, knowledge and experiences.

Having in mind our common, global goal, and recognizing the necessity, Republic of Serbia, as developing country, has already taken mitigation actions.

Moreover, the Republic of Serbia is willing to steer towards a low-carbon growth and reduce its emissions compared to business as usual, through legally binding nationally appropriate mitigation actions.

The special care on adaptation is required, as a matter of urgency. Especially for developing countries that are already vulnerable to climate change, such are the countries in the South Eastern Europe.

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The time to transfer the political will into political actions is now. Therefore, allow me to express my strong belief that we can deliver the agreement that will secure immediate actions and put the world on pathway towards cleaner, greener and more sustainable global economy.