



**Statement by
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Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentleman,
Dear Colleagues,

On Monday 7th of December 2009, the Copenhagen climate clock has ticked down to zero. After two years of negotiations, the time has come to deliver.

We have started this process in Bali by comprehensive Bali Road Map. We have advanced our work at COP14 in Poznan in December 2008 by endorsing an ambitious negotiating plan for 2009. We are here in Copenhagen – at the end of our climate road and we are engaged in finalizing, as it was stated by the Executive Secretary, Mr. Yvo de Boer at the opening ceremony, the three-layer Christmas cake. I do believe we are fully committed to do so.

This is the very final stage of our negotiations. The negotiators have done their work and provided us with the results which are far from being successful. Therefore it is now our move to make political choices and decisions to give Copenhagen agreement a chance! There are still very important issues to be solved, namely:

- raising an ambition level of aggregate reduction target for developed countries to least to 30% by 2020 comparing to 1990, in line with the IPCC recommendations and with continuation of flexible mechanisms and LULUCF, associated with appropriate mitigation actions by major developing countries,
- adoption of long-term financial framework which is a must for implementation of action on adaptation, mitigation, technology, REDDs and capacity-building in developing countries;
- formulation of a shared vision on long-term cooperative action on climate change and a long-term mitigation goal by 2050.

This ambitious agreement needs to be complemented by fast start-up finance in the order of 10 billion USD per year. The European Union has already committed to deliver its fair share of 2,4 billion Euro annually. We do expect that other developed countries will join us in this undertaking. Our top priority within fast-start is adaptation, in particular to address urgent needs in the least developed countries.

We need to have in our minds that significant and immediate action that will begin the day the conference ends, is a prerequisite to the success of this conference.

Our colleagues in developing countries desperately need comprehensive, immediate action on these crucial issues. I am fully convinced that much of the work that has been accomplished over the past two years can be turned into immediate action.

Excellencies, Dear Colleagues,

We, the Ministers, have less than two days to take issues forward and to make choices before our leaders arrive. And the leaders already told us that they are not willing to leave Copenhagen with empty hands! This is not an option! WE have to prepare a workable package with all key elements which Heads of States and Governments can endorse on the 18th of December. We have to turn into real action now!

I would like to congratulate Minister Connie Hedegaard and Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen, COP15 President for their unusual personal commitment to make the Copenhagen a success. As a host of COP14 in Poznan last year, we fully appreciate the amazing amount of work done in preparation of this important event and our cooperation with the Danish colleagues during the COP 14 Presidency.

We are convinced that the COP President is fully committed to reach an ambitious outcome and we wish him every success. The presence of more than 120 heads of states and governments is enormous opportunity which we can't miss. It would take years before we got a new and better one.

Our leaders have made it very clear. They expect to adopt a global, ambitious and comprehensive agreement in Copenhagen. Let the world and the people remember Copenhagen as the place where good will turned into better action.

Thank you for your attention.