

Umbrella Group

Opening Statement for COP15

Monday 7 December

Chair,

This morning I have the privilege to speak on behalf of the Umbrella Group, namely Canada, Iceland, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation, Ukraine, United States and Australia.

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We the Umbrella Group want a success at Copenhagen. We want a resounding success. We are committed to bold action, we are committed to a strong outcome, and we are committed to maximizing credibility and trust among the citizens of the world. Our vision is simple: we recognise the scientific view that the increase in global average temperature above pre-industrial levels ought not exceed 2 degrees Celsius. We want a global outcome that puts the world on a path to a 50 per cent reduction in emissions by 2050 and peaking emissions as soon as possible. We want all countries to act according to their national ability.

Chair,

The Umbrella Group countries are ready to act to make this vision a reality. First, on mitigation, as part of a post-2012 outcome, every Umbrella Group member is prepared to put on the table an emissions reduction target that will substantially reduce their emissions by 2020. We are also willing to subject

these actions to robust measurement, reporting, review, and verification.

Second, in the context of a post-2012 outcome, we are resolved to support quick, substantial, and high-impact financing to assist the most vulnerable developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and vulnerable small island developing states.

The Umbrella Group also supports a substantial increase in financial and investment flows for climate change as part of the final post-2012 outcome, both from public and private funding sources, including the carbon markets. There is an emerging consensus that a core element of the Copenhagen accord should be to mobilize \$10 billion a year by 2012 to support adaptation and mitigation in developing countries, particularly the most vulnerable and least developed countries that could be destabilized by the impacts of climate change.

Chair,

We welcome the announcements by many countries, developed and developing, regarding the emission reduction commitments and actions they are preparing to take. It is now time for countries to stand behind their announcements, internationalize their offerings, and craft a comprehensive outcome that sets the world on the path to a low-carbon future. If this is to be environmentally effective, the actions of countries should be transparent, reported, and reviewed internationally. Then we will have an enduring outcome, and the world can assess its progress credibly. Copenhagen can not be a business-as-usual outcome.

Chair,

At Copenhagen, we must agree to a global vision for climate action up to and after 2012. This vision should cover all aspects of the road map that we set in Bali two years ago. Mitigation, adaptation, finance and technology cooperation are all necessary parts of a successful post-2012 outcome. Our collective task for Copenhagen is to forge a political vision that will guide the world's actions into the future, and to cement this vision into a ~~single~~ new legally binding treaty as soon as possible. This vision would be the Copenhagen accord.

Chair

All governments have a responsibility to combat the threat of climate change. The countries of the Umbrella Group stand ready to play our full and fair part in a Copenhagen accord.

We thank the Danish Government for the great effort it is making to host this conference. But most of all, we welcome and applaud the efforts made by the Danish Prime Minister and his team to lead us, in a bold and courageous way, toward a success at Copenhagen.

Louise Hand, Australia

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The Umbrella Group seeks success at Copenhagen. We are committed to bold action, we are committed to a strong outcome, and we are committed to maximizing credibility and trust among the citizens of the world.

All Umbrella Group members are willing to commit to legally binding economy wide targets as part of a fair, environmentally effective and comprehensive global deal. Our 2020 pledges are already on the table.

In support of an effective global agreement, clarity is required on the rules, including for markets and land use, land use change and forestry. A final post-2012 outcome will rest upon broad and effective participation from all Parties.

The work of the AWG-KP has provided a foundation for the development of a single new legally binding treaty. This is the preference of the Umbrella Group.

Chair,

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Thank you

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We thank the great efforts that the Danish Government is making to host this conference. But most of all, we welcome and applaud the efforts made by the Danish PM and his team to lead us, in a bold and courageous way to forge a success at Copenhagen.