

Environmental Integrity Group
(Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, Switzerland)

CMP 5 Opening statement

Madame President,

On behalf of the countries of the Environmental Integrity Group, namely, the Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, Switzerland, we would like to support reaching a follow-up agreement to the Kyoto Protocol so that the industrialised countries can continue and intensify their existing emission reduction commitments.

In this context, it should be recalled that ~~without the involvement of all developed countries and an undertaking on the part of the newly industrialised countries, it will not be possible to~~ ^{Annex I} ~~achieve the 2-degree objective.~~ ^{should take the lead}

We would like to stress that the principles of the Kyoto Protocol are to be continued. These are: quantified and legally binding reduction objectives, flexible mechanisms including trade of carbon certificates and a transparent monitoring system.

Like the negotiations under the AWG-LCA, those under the AWG-KP are reaching the highest stage that negotiators could reach. The next step here in Copenhagen, is to engage in ministerial negotiations that will be sealed by the Heads of State and Government attending the high level segment at the end of the second week.

Therefore, in order to conclude the negotiations under the AWG-KP, our group of countries proposes to you the following calendar. The negotiations under the AWG-KP should conclude at the end of this first week, on Friday the 11 December. In parallel, we invite you, Madame President, to open from now on continuous consultations with all groups of Parties and to encourage both working groups to do their utmost to conclude their negotiations. These consultations will allow establishing the ministerial text, drawing on the ongoing negotiations under the AWG-KP, and proposing possible solutions to deadlocks.

The EIG is committed to work towards a very successful conference. It is all the Parties' responsibility.

Starting on Saturday, we invite you to consult with your colleagues, the ministers present in Copenhagen, in order to advance the consensus.

Finally, during the high level segment, the Heads of State and Government have to conclude the negotiations and seal the deal in Copenhagen.

Be assured, Madame President, that you have the full support of the Environmental Integrity Group in all your endeavors and efforts.

Thank you, Madame President.