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Mr. President, I wish to associate my delegation with the congratulations extended by the distinguished Ambassador of Iran, Chairman of the Group of 77 and China, and by the Chairman of GRULAC to you, and to Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, the Executive Secretary of the Framework Convention on Climate Change, for your untiring and ongoing efforts to guide us to this historic moment.

Bonn today joins Rio and Kyoto as one of the places acknowledged as landmarks of international environmental diplomacy. A positive atmosphere has prevailed not only in the contacts among delegations, but, I wish to underline, also with representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society whose role is increasingly relevant in providing us with information and in stimulating governments in a very positive way towards an outcome such as the one that we have achieved today, and in which we take great pride.

Mr. President, Brazil has been actively working for the establishment of a consistent and robust climate change regime since the negotiation of the Framework Convention on Climate Change. I wish to reaffirm the commitment of the Government of Brazil to the Kyoto Protocol and to its full implementation. Protecting our climate is a collective endeavour, and this cooperation should be even more strengthened with a view to achieving universality.