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Mr. President,

The countries of the Environmental Integrity Group have come to Bonn with our minds set to positively conclude our work on the Buenos Aires Plan of Action thus being able to ratify the Kyoto Protocol and implement it as quickly as possible. Taking into account all the scientific data we have from the 3<sup>rd</sup> IPCC report and elsewhere as well as the real experience we make in our countries regarding the impacts of climate change, we do not think that we have much more time just to look on and talk: We do believe that it is high time to move into action. Of course we understand, that there are countries that do see the combat against climate change primarily as an additional cost to their economy. Mr. President, we do not share that attitude. Our figures tell us that the longer we wait with implementation of concrete measures, the higher the costs to remedy the costs of the consequences of climate change will be on the one hand, and on the other hand our economies, as well as the ones of developing countries, will reap the benefits of cutting edge technologies. Mr. President, we do not want to return to our countries in Asia, Latin America and Europe two weeks from now telling our public all sorts of reasons why it was just not possible to come to an agreement on one of the most important global problems of today.

willing and ready to cooperate with all parties

Mr. President, we must take here and now at Bonn the necessary political decisions. That means that next Sunday is in fact the deadline. This last three days have allowed our negotiators to make progress in preparing the basis for our decisions in most important crunch issues. Now, under your strong leadership, we have to negotiate the elements of that agreement. Of course we take it for granted, that all negotiations will be fully transparent and guarantee open-ended participation.

and With regard to our position let me just say the following. Sinks under the Protocol must respect clear and strict rules. The flexibility mechanisms should complement domestic action, the only way to sustainable development. A strong compliance regime with legally binding consequences for non-compliance is necessary to instil confidence. Finally, we need to support the efforts by developing countries to adapt to climate change. In doing so, we need to be efficient and improve existing funding mechanisms rather than creating new ones.

should be of a limited scale