

STATEMENT NO. 10: GRENADA

(on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries)

Mr. President, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries would like to thank you for the strong leadership which you have displayed over the last few months, and especially over the last few days here in Bonn, and we would like to congratulate you for a job well done. The Group would also like to thank all Parties to this Convention for having demonstrated to the people of the world that the international community is serious about climate change and willing to begin the process of responding to it in a serious and constructive manner. Because, as we all know, climate change is not necessarily only about targets and formulae and those kinds of things. For many of us in the developing world, it is about survival; it is about what we live for; it is about our children who are coming after us.

In this context, the members of my Group would like to reiterate our commitment to making our best efforts to implement the Convention and participate in the Kyoto Protocol. As you are aware we have limitations in this regard and we look forward to working constructively with our developed country partners in implementing the agreements on vulnerability and adaptation, capacity building, technology transfer and the clean development mechanism which we have made in the last few days. In this regard we welcome the political declarations just made by the European Union and Japan, and look forward to working constructively with them in all the areas identified. We know that there is still a lot of work ahead of us, but we know that we are all committed to getting it done and we are confident that together we will successfully achieve all of our goals.