

STATEMENT NO. 23: VANUATU
(on behalf of the least developed countries)

Mr. President, on behalf of the least developed countries I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the leadership, dedication and commitment you have demonstrated to make sure we leave Bonn with a feeling of success and achievement. Your leadership has been highly respected for the efforts you made in keeping the interests of the different groups under careful scrutiny, to make sure we leave this building and Bonn with hope of giving the future generation of this planet earth and in particular, the future generation of the least developed countries, an opportunity to enjoy the privileges which we now enjoy.

Mr. President, the least developed countries welcome the decision of the European Union to assist the least developed countries in the preparation and implementation of NAPAs. We appreciate very much this decision of the European Union to recognize the special needs of the least developed countries and we hope that this support will continue into the future. We would also like to welcome the decision of Canada to provide financial support to adaptation programmes in least developed countries

Mr. President, I would like to express our gratitude to the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China for his leadership in guiding the group, which we are part of, to the achievement of this decision. I would also like to express our gratitude to you, Mr. President, and to the Executive Secretary, and the members of the Bureau, for the dedication and commitment. We the members of the least developed countries would like to urge all Parties at this Conference to put aside their differences and to cooperate and work together to make this planet earth a safe place to live in.