

HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT SPEECH

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Excellencies, distinguished Delegates, our Qatari hosts,

I turn to you with special thanks for keeping us motivated and well taken care of here in Doha. I also appreciate your kind offer to closely cooperate with the next COP Presidency.

The impacts of climate change affect everybody on the planet.

Yet, the problems that some nations are facing are not easily understood by others.

Therefore we need to keep on reminding ourselves of the two goals:

- A long-term objective of staying below 2°C
- And an urge for immediate actions badly needed by those who are already suffering.

So far, the international climate efforts have focused mostly on mitigation.

We still do have a gap to bridge and it is the responsibility, common but differentiated, of the entire international community to do it.

But science-based mitigation commitments may only be politically, economically and socially feasible if accompanied by a stronger support for adaptation.

Those most vulnerable to climate change are the ones least responsible for it.

Small Islands States, the LDCs need to be assisted.

That is why the issue of Loss and Damage is one of those issues that will be at the center of my personal attention during the next year.

Poland knows very well that there is **no "one size fits all"** solution.

We are convinced that the **key** to achieving those two goals is a **multilateral, strong and ambitious rules-based system with a broad participation**, notably from major economies.

Poland came to Doha to agree on the second commitment period of the KP. The Kyoto Protocol has proven its role and importance. The obligations coming from it are duly respected.

Poland reduced its emissions by 30% comparing to the base year while our GDP has tripled.

All of us have to respect international rules, and **not undermine trust that we have in treaties that are signed and ratified.**

Poland is fully committed to the **continuity of the Kyoto Protocol rules, institutions and all of its mechanisms.**

At the same time I also want to stress that the KP is not the only result we need to see coming out of Doha.

Adoption of the second commitment period of the KP alone is not enough and does not fulfil what we agreed to in Durban.

Balanced progress is needed in all negotiating tracks.

We have to close the LCA track along with the KP and make progress under the ADP.

We also must clearly define the **future work** to be done.

Excellencies and distinguished Delegates, I hope that we will remember Doha not only for its beauty and hospitality, but above all as the place where we worked very hard and we achieved a lot!

I also hope to see you all next year in Warsaw to accelerate the ADP process and further enhance the implementation of the Convention, when preparing our new global deal.

This will be a great chance to support the UN Secretary General's initiative aiming at involving Heads of States and Governments in these negotiations.

Thank you!