

**STATEMENT NO. 19: SWITZERLAND**

Mr. President, I am pleased to confirm the commitment on the part of Switzerland to provide additional funding, as stated in the political declaration presented by the European Union. This declaration and our commitment are based on your corresponding proposals, as given in your consolidated negotiating text for this Conference of the Parties.

Mr. President, as we have stated previously and consistently at this Conference, we believe that substantial additional funding is needed, and we believe that burden-sharing based on greenhouse gas emissions is appropriate and consistent with the objective of the Convention.

We appreciate this important initiative by the European Union and other countries, and would like to extend our gratitude to all Parties that have decided to join this effort. As stated in the text of this political initiative, there is a standing invitation for other Parties to join as well, and it is our sincere hope that they will do so as soon as possible.