

**Statement by the Minister of Water Resouces
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Thank you Mr. President
Distinguished Ministers and Delegates

Although our overriding priorities are poverty eradication, socioeconomic development and meeting the basic needs of our people we recognize that climate change is a global problem which needs a global solution. Every nation has to be involved to combat climate change.

Since the Rio Earth Summit, like other developing countries, Ethiopia has taken a number of steps related to the Climate Convention at the national level, including ratifying the Convention, identifying national focal institutions for coordinating and follow up, conducting inventory of GHGs, vulnerability, adaptation, and mitigation assessments in collaboration with the US climate Change Country Study Program, and participating in important meetings of the UNFCCC. Currently Ethiopia is to start enabling activities, which will help in preparing her national communication to the UNFCCC using the financial support obtained from the GEF through the UNDP.

We believe that developed country parties has to enhance such activities by providing adequate financial and technical support as well as appropriate technology transfer.

The IPCC finding indicates that a deep cut in GHGs emission has to be made to migrate and stop Global Warming. The Kyoto protocol is a first step in a long way. In this respect, developing country parties at some stage in the future has to make commitments to limit their GHGs

reductions.

The historical responsibility of developed nations in the reduction of GHGs has been acknowledged in the Berlin mandates. At the present stage it is our firm position that emission reduction proposals must not include legally binding targets for Non-Annex I Parties. If developed country parties are serious about addressing the problem of climate change they have to drastically reduce their GHGs emissions.

We are concerned that a weak protocol with many potential loopholes such as the not-well discussed and formulated concepts of , Net approach, Emission Trading, Exclusion of Hydrofluorocarbons(HFCs), Perfluorocarbons(PFCs), and Sulphurhexafluoride(SF6) will result in an overall increase rather than decrease of actual emission to the atmosphere above the current levels from Annex 1 parties. However we believe clearly formulated and properly discussed with clear methodologies of joint implementation may in the future contribute to our sustainable development objectives.

I would like to convey my appreciate to the Government and the people of Japan for their warm hospitality and honor accorded to us during the historic third conference of the parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change.

I thank you.