

**Statement of Tajikistan on behalf of MLDC for the opening COP 18
Doha, Qatar (26/11/2011)**

Mr President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the group of **mountainous landlocked developing countries**: Afghanistan, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

First let me congratulate you on your election as President of the eighteenth session of the Conference of Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of Parties serving as a Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

I would like to express my appreciation to the State of Qatar for the arrangements for this Conference of the Parties. We would like to thank the people of Doha for their warm and generous hospitality. Here in beautiful Doha, the future of our planet and future generations is being decided.

There can now be no serious doubt that our planet's climate is changing and that this is largely the result of our own activity – there can also be no doubt that climate change will pose serious consequences to all of us.

Mr. President,

Our group as **mountainous landlocked developing countries** expects to see a clear path for a legally binding agreement to be adopted by 2015.

One of the main outcomes of Doha should be a clear workplan with milestones to ensure that by 2015 we have a climate agreement

In regard to the adoption of a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and, at the same time end the ad hoc working group of the Kyoto Protocol – we expect all the developed countries to sign up to the second commitment period. We

also expect all developing countries to sign up. We have to work all together to ensure to get this achievement for a second commitment period.

Our countries have very low emissions but has already indicated some level of commitment under the the Copenhagen Accord. We think that everyone should do their part, every country should commit to reduce emissions.

We expect that this level of commitment should be ambitious enough to avoid dangerous climate change, meaning increase in temperature **above 2C**.

- Development of specific initiatives to improve the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from now up to 2020;

We are aware thatthe ad hoc working group on long-term cooperative action has to be terminated here, however we worry about the slow progress in sessions held in Bonn and Bangkok. We still believe that additional efforts must be made by all of us regarding the implementation of decisions taken in Cancun and Durban, especially adaptation, mitigation, financing and technology transfer.

We need a clear the continuation of climate finance. This is a rather extremely important outcome of Doha. We expect to see commitment to long term finance for all developing countries. We want to have certainty that climate finance will materialize, we need to know how much and by when. It is important to emphasize that all developing countries should have access to climate finance. The modalities and the level of finance that each developing country can access should depend on their vulnerability and their development needs. We also expect to see financial resources committed to the Adaptation Fund, the GEF and the CIF to fill the gap until the Green Climate Fund is fully operational. **It is important we show the world that we are taking actions to support developing countries, this can be done only if developed countries clearly commit to mobilize the necessary resources.**

Mr president, we stand ready to work with you and our colleagues to achieve the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention and a successful outcome here in Doha.

We would like to thank you, and the Secretariat for the commitments and efforts in facilitating this Conference. Please count us in.

Thank you Mr. President