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The Honourable President of COP18,

Distinguished Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Let me first thank the Government and people of Qatar for their warm hospitality and the excellent organization of this important conference. I would also like to assure you, Mr. President, that Malaysia will support the efforts to make this a successful conference.

2. Climate change is happening even as we negotiate for a fair, ambitious and effective outcome here in Doha. Melting Arctic ice, Superstorm Sandy and severe floods in major cities of the world are stark reminders that we must take greater action together or future generations will inherit even more extreme weather events.

3. We firmly believe that your leadership will guide us towards a successful outcome here in Doha. The outcome in Doha must respect the principle of *pacta sunt servanda*, emphasize the leadership role of Annex I Parties and recognize the differences between developed and developing countries for historical actions. The Bali Action Plan must remain the basis for our actions.

Mr. President,

4. The first priority of COP 18 is to implement the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol (KP) that we worked so

hard to save a year ago. An ambitious and effective second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol is absolutely essential in Doha. Without such an outcome, both adaptation and mitigation efforts will be severely hampered with the developing countries being the most severely impacted.

5. The Kyoto Protocol is the only legally binding instrument, which we have that has many useful provisions. We must build on the Kyoto Protocol instead of dismantling it. For parties that are not part of Kyoto Protocol, they must fulfill their commitments under the Bali Action Plan. This is to ensure that the global temperature ^{rise} does not exceed 2 degrees Celsius.

Mr. President,

6. Malaysia is also playing its role. We are honouring our Prime Minister's announcement in Copenhagen of our voluntary 40% carbon emission intensity of GDP reductions by 2020 compared to 2005 level. As of today, we have achieved by more than 70% of the indicator set. Malaysia continues to honour its pledge of maintaining at least 50% of its land area under forest and tree covers. Currently our forest cover stands at 56.4%. In addition, the Renewable Energy Act has also been enacted in 2011 with a Feed-In Tariff to facilitate growth towards a low carbon society. We are also developing MyCarbon initiative, which is Malaysia's carbon disclosure programme.

7. To coordinate all programmes toward achieving low carbon society we have set up the Green Technology and Climate Change Council, chaired by the Prime Minister.

Mr. President,

8. Our work under the Durban Platform reflects an opportunity to join hands for the enhanced implementation of the Convention. We are looking for ambition and equity on all elements of the Durban Platform, particularly from developed countries who under the Convention, are committed to taking the lead in reducing their emissions and in providing support. They also have to provide the means of implementation so that developing countries can contribute equitably while promoting their sustainable development.

Mr. President,

9. Much more work remains to be done by all of us. Let us cooperate meaningfully and move towards a balanced, equitable, ambitious and effective outcome here.

Thank you.