

**National Statement
Principality of Liechtenstein**

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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates
Ladies and Gentlemen

First, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the people and Government of Poland for their warm and welcoming hospitality.

The IPCC special report on 1.5 degrees is a wake-up call. We are here at a breaking point. To address this global challenge it needs our collective effort! The Paris Agreement demands joining forces. All of us, small or large states alike, must make ambitious efforts based on national capacities.

The process of implementation has begun. We have to take decisive decisions here at COP 24 and act as leaders. Today, we all must act together and collaborate in addressing climate change. Therefore, we need to agree on a robust common set of rules to operationalise the Paris Agreement. This is our goal for COP 24. If we succeed in

translating the results of this COP in its complexity to concrete actions, then we will succeed in achieving our common goal. We have to ensure the environmental integrity of the rule set being applicable for all parties.

In Liechtenstein the two degree world is already a reality. The average temperature increased by almost two degrees since the temperature recordings started in 1871. As an alpine country we got this year a first impression what the future might look. The future might be unpredictable but science gives us a rather good impression of what we might have to expect as well as of what we can still do.

As Minister for Home Affairs, Education and Environment, I see how strongly climate change affects other areas than the environment on a daily basis. In the area of Home Affairs, it is already clearly visible that various areas of life are already affected by a warming climate and that new challenges evolve in the areas of civil protection as well as economic and infrastructural security.

I have heard the wake-up call of the science base. Great accomplishments start with small actions. There is not much time left, if we want to reach the 1.5 degree goal. Therefore, we must start the transformation to a carbon neutral future here in Katowice! The time to act is now!

In Liechtenstein we decided to act:

I am pleased to announce that Liechtenstein is working on a long term climate strategy and I can assure you that we will continue our commitment and contributions in the working process. Our Energy strategy 2030 is in preparation along with our Energy Vision for 2050. Furthermore, in cooperation with our financial sector we strive to foster sustainable growth through green finance. Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen let us take courageous and decisive decisions for a sustainable future!

Thank you!