

**STATEMENT NO. 25: BELGIUM**

(on behalf of the European Community and its Member States)

On behalf of the European Union and its Member States, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the distinguished representative of Japan, Her Excellency Madame Kawaguchi, for responding so promptly to the appeal to all Parties that we made a few moments ago. I am sure all members of the international community welcome her government's political commitment to intensify its efforts to provide financial assistance to non-Annex I Parties, to further the global cooperative endeavour to combat global warming and promote sustainable development. I would also like to thank her personally for her cooperation and determination in these negotiations.

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