

**STATEMENT NO. 24: COSTA RICA<sup>10</sup>**

Mr. President, I would like to begin by endorsing the words of the representative of the Chairman of the Group of G 77 and China, Mr. Asadi, who has been a great leader for our group during these difficult days of negotiations. We also associate ourselves with the words of thanks to the representative of Grenada, who so excellently coordinated the GRULAC.

I would just like to say that Costa Rica shares with the entire group the enthusiasm at the historic document which we have just approved. It provides a basis for regulation and implementation of the Kyoto Protocol which will be sufficiently stringent to give a value to climate in our economies, our societies and the world, but which will also be flexible enough to assist our economies, resulting in genuine globalization of a shared good.

For the first time we are seeing a proper interrelationship between developed and developing countries. We thank you for all the efforts which you have made in this historic achievement, which I think can show us the way towards a new global economy.

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<sup>10</sup> This statement was delivered in Spanish.