

National statement of Romania

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Mr. President, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me to start by expressing my congratulations to you, Mr. President, for your election as the President of COP 19. I would like to use this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the Government and people of Poland for hosting this Conference, as well as for the excellent organization.

The world is rapidly changing and the consequences of this change will be our legacy to the future generations.

We came here to reconfirm that Doha was just the beginning of our renewed efforts to address climate change and to make progress in our work under the Durban Platform.

We must not leave Warsaw without a **clear work plan with concrete actions** that will set out the key milestones until 2015.

Mr. President,

In addressing climate change challenges, **the global approach is very important.** In our view, in order to achieve the 2 degrees goal, we need a framework that joins the efforts of all countries. To see if we are on track, we believe an assessment process is also needed.

In Doha, Romania, together with all the other EU Member States, committed to a second period under the Kyoto Protocol. This will entail significant efforts and costs for our citizens, but nevertheless, we are determined to meet our promise.

Last, but not least, **enhancing implementation is essential. We all need to work in this direction.**

We are mindful that beyond the doors of our negotiating rooms **our citizens are watching us closely.** In our effort, we see the NGOs, the civil society and the academia as key partners that are essential to our success. Furthermore, the direct involvement and **participation of the private sector is crucial.**

Romania aligns itself with the statement by EU and would like to underline that the **new 2015 agreement requires also renewed political support.** From this perspective, the 2014 World Summit on Climate proposed by the UN Secretary General will offer an excellent opportunity in this respect.

We have to act now. We are running out of time. And I am not saying that because of deadlines we set for ourselves. It's because of extreme weather events and widespread devastation we are facing lately or have witnessed in different parts of the world.

Please allow me to conclude by saying that **the key to success on climate action is to move forward together.** In that respect, all nations need to commit and contribute.

Thank you!