**Speakings EU press briefing, Lima**

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**Francesco La Camera**

* Good afternoon and thank you for coming.
* We are nearly at the end of the first week - a week that started in a mood of determined optimism, which was certainly helped by the positive ambiance and warm Peruvian welcome.
* We very much appreciate the huge efforts if the Government of Peru, not only in building this incredible conference space from nothing – a sign of their great commitment and resolve – but more importantly for their strong leadership and engagement at this important time in the negotiations.
* We have got off to a good start. Parties have arrived in Lima in a positive and constructive spirit, with key Parties stressing willingness to advance in the opening plenary sessions.
* Negotiations under the Durban Platform, the ADP, started with an agreement by all parties on the priorities for progress here in Lima.
* Namely the draft elements of a 2015 Agreement negotiating text; an agreement on what information is required in relation to intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs); and enhanced ambition before 2020.
* And consultations got off to a good start on many topics under the subsidiary bodies.
* So, we have had a good first week.
* We are satisfied that we have got into the substance of the negotiations, and we are proceeding with the first reading of the drafts that are on the table.
* On the technical level, discussions are becoming less polarized, allowing us to narrow down our differences, which is an encouraging sign.
* This week also saw the first Biennial Assessment prepared by the Standing Committee on Finance, reporting that the annual average of global climate finance flows in 2011 and 2012 ranged between USD 340 billion and USD 650 billion.
* The assessment is an important contribution to transparency on climate finance flows - including information on international support to developing countries.
* The recent pledges to the Green Climate Fund are expected to further scale up climate finance.
* The GCF reported to the COP on the total pledges to the fund to date. These have reached USD 9.7 billion, with EU Member States contributing some USD 4.6 billion.
* These funds are hugely important as indicators of delivery.
* Looking ahead, the EU looks forward to the first multilateral assessment of our progress towards implementing our 2020 commitments, an essential element of the current transparency regime, which will start tomorrow.
* So, to sum up, the end of the week continues to give us reasons to be optimistic for a good outcome here in Lima. We look forward to making continued progress in the days to come and to the ministerial segment next week for which our Peruvian COP Presidency has developed a rich agenda.
* Now, I will hand the floor to Elina.

**Elina Bardram**

* Thanks,
* As Francesco said, the conference has got off to a good start.
* Of course it hasn't been all plain sailing – real life negotiations rarely are. But what's important is that we have been able to overcome these.
* The ability of the parties to come to an agreement on a method of working on the draft ADP decision, despite initial differences, is a positive sign for reaching a good outcome.
* This new working method has provided assurances to Parties that their views are clearly visible, and at the same time reaffirms the need for the co-Chairs to guide us towards a successful outcome here in Lima.
* I think that this reflects the constructive spirit in which these negotiations have started and the commitment to finding a way forward.
* On the 2015 Agreement elements text, we have seen all parties engaging constructively. This doesn't of course mean that everyone is happy with all parts of the text.
* Working under the guidance of the co-Chairs it will be essential for all Parties to continue to constructively engage, in order to further streamline and consolidate that text here in Lima to provide a basis for negotiations in 2015.
* As Francesco mentioned, tomorrow sees the start of the multilateral assessment which we are very much looking forward to.
* This is an important process that will contribute to understanding mutual efforts and building trust and transparency. We believe it is a good example of the strong benefits of transparency and of a robust reporting and monitoring system applicable to all.
* Looking to the week ahead, we see many important events to make progress and build further momentum in the negotiations, including the ministerial discussions on finance and the Durban Platform.
* There has been some useful progress on REDD+ and we very much look forward to the REDD day organised by our Peruvian host on Monday. This will be an important event that will provide an opportunity to focus on the implementation of concrete action, and to showcase successful projects that can inspire action by others.
* And, last but not least, we look forward to the climate action initiative, which will bring together civil society and the private sector, led by the Peruvian Presidency. This event will pick up where the Ban Ki-moon Summit left off and track progress made to date under the different platforms.
* As we said earlier, these actions could make a significant contribution to cutting global emissions before 2020, when the agreement comes into force. So, it will be very interesting to hear how much progress has been made.
* Whilst we have made progress this week, looking ahead to the next few days it is clear that we will need to intensify our work to ensure that Lima delivers a successful outcome. To do that all Parties will need to be prepared to step out of their comfort zones in order to find ways to make progress.
* The atmosphere here in Lima has been good, not least due to the efforts of our Peruvian hosts. So there are reasons to be optimistic for Lima to set us on a good path towards Paris.
* We still have negotiating time left before ministers arrive in Lima. The best welcoming present for them would be solid progress on all our key issues.
* We will work with all our partners towards this.