



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY MR. LARBI DJACTA, PERMANENT MISSION OF ALGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF THE 17TH SESSION OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON FURTHER COMMITMENTS OF ANNEX I PARTIES UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL (AWG-KP) OF THE UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Doha, Qatar, 27 November 2012)

Madam Chair,

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the G77 and China.
2. Let me congratulate you for the efforts you made before this session in order to obtain progress about the critical issue of the implementation of the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol, as stipulated by the Decision adopted in Durban.

Madam Chair,

3. We would re-stress what we had expressed many times: the Kyoto Protocol, being the only legally binding, rules-based instrument under the Convention with quantitative emissions reduction targets for Annex I Parties, must be preserved.
4. For a successful Outcome in Doha, the following must be considered as benchmarks:
 - The second Commitment period must be ambitious and must begin with effect from January, 1st, 2013 without any gap between the first and second commitment period with the adoption of ratifiable amendments to the Kyoto Protocol, particularly the Annex B.
 - Annex I Parties must commit to ambitious QELROS, to make the second commitment period meaningful and to effectively address the urgency to stabilize the global greenhouse gas concentration in the atmosphere and limit the temperature rise to well below 2 degrees.
 - The access to the flexibility mechanisms must be made available only to those Annex I parties that adopt commitments under the second commitment period.
 - We have to also address the carry-overs of the AAUs as proposed by the G77 and China.

Madam Chair,

5. The Group is committed to work constructively and achieve a successful and meaningful conclusion of the work of the AWG-KP in Doha.

Madam Chair,

6. The Group is still committed to achieve a success in Doha.

I thank you for your attention.