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**Opening address by
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Honourable Delegates,
Friends and Colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First, I would like to use this opportunity to remind everyone that you all worked very hard to bring the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol into life. We must now bring it into force.

We need 144 ratifications to bring the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol into force. The ratification process may not be directly in your hands, but I would ask that you remind those colleagues at home who are responsible for submitting the Amendment for ratification. In most countries this is a non-consequential procedure.

Second, we meet in Bonn only a few weeks after the Secretary-General's Climate Summit in New York. While not part of our formal process, the Summit and the surrounding events have undoubtedly shifted the ground of possibility on climate change.

Never before have we seen such public mobilization as there was in New York and in 160 countries around the world. This unprecedented public mobilization has loudly reminded us that we must address climate change.

Never before have we heard such clear and ambitious announcements on action from corporations, finance institutions and subnational governments. These announcements have demonstrated that we have the capital, the mechanisms and the technology, and that we therefore can address climate change.

Never before have we had more than 100 Heads of State and Government gathered under one roof on the same day to present their efforts to increase resilience and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Collectively, your heads of state have reassured the world that we will address climate change.

We left New York knowing that we must, we can and we will find a solution.

Today the eyes of the world turn to you distinguished delegates to chart the path toward that solution. This is a path that:

- Must be nationally equitable and globally responsible;
- Must provide a strong collaboration platform that ensures that no one is left behind; and
- Must have clear markers in the near and in the long term.

This week you, delegates, work here in full view of the eyes of the world. This week is a key opportunity to reach out to your counterparts, build bridges and find a path forward you can all tread.

May you take full advantage of this week to markedly advance on the three tasks that have been outlined by the ADP Co-Chairs.

Thank you.
