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Delhi Statement on Global Cooperation on Climate Technology

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1. We, Ministers and Government Representatives, having met at the *Delhi High-Level Conference on Climate Change Technology Development and Transfer*, recall the *Beijing High-Level Conference on Climate Change: Technology Development and Technology Transfer* held in November 2008, reaffirm our commitment to the objective, provisions and principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Bali Road Map and to the Bali Action Plan, which seeks to enhance implementation of the Convention, culminating at Copenhagen in December 2009, and state the following:

Climate
Change

2. Climate change is one of the most pressing global challenges facing the international community requiring global cooperation on an unprecedented scale.

Technology
for
addressing
climate
change

3. Technology has a central and fundamental role in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development. We believe that there is an urgent need to accelerate the large scale global deployment of environmentally sound and climate friendly technologies and to minimize the time lag between their initial development, transfer and deployment particularly in the developing countries. This will be promoted by sustained and enhanced international cooperation as well as appropriate national action.

Global
Cooperation
Mechanisms

4. Enhanced cooperation worldwide is essential at all stages of the technology cycle. Existing mechanisms, as well as any new and innovative mechanisms in the public and public-private domains for global cooperation should enhance adaptation and deployment of environmentally sound and climate-friendly technologies, and the joint research and development of new technologies and products which are at a nascent stage of development. Capacity building, training, public awareness and education are key to the successful uptake of technologies for adaptation and mitigation.

Lessons from
successful
international
partnerships

5. Any future international cooperative mechanisms for technology cooperation, development, transfer and dissemination may draw lessons from the experiences of successful examples of partnerships.

Technology
Networks

6. Concepts such as a centre, or networks of centres, to support and stimulate rapid development and deployment of innovative technologies for climate mitigation and adaptation should be explored. Such a centre, or network of centres, should also promote close collaboration between governments, industries and research communities of developed and developing countries.

Technology
Assessment

7. We believe that the wide diversity of available technologies and the conditions of their applicability, indicates a need for periodic assessment, evaluation and expert guidance on new and emerging technologies.

Technologies
for
Adaptation

8. There is a critical need to improve the identification of, access to, and deployment of technologies for adaptation, especially to developing countries that are most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change. Research, development and deployment of technologies for adaptation, including of indigenous technologies, would be enhanced by international cooperative actions.

Technology
financing

9. We recognise also the roles of both public and private financing to enable the accelerated large-scale development, transfer and deployment of technologies for adaptation and mitigation. Public financing, in particular, could catalyse and enhance activities such as capacity building, needs assessments, and the more rapid deployment and adoption of technologies for mitigation, and for adaptation, especially in those developing countries that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The importance of mobilising private sector financing should also be noted.

International
Conference/
Congress

10. We recognize that countries face uncertainties about appropriate technological choices, and that good decision-making requires regular provision of high quality information that can come from multiple sources. We support regular conferences/congresses for such purposes. We also appreciate the offer of the Government of India to host such conferences/congresses along with UN-DESA.

Technology
in the
Copenhagen
outcome

11. We strongly urge the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, at their fifteenth session at Copenhagen, to take into consideration the elements of this statement.

Contribution
by
Stakeholders

12. We welcome the participation of, and the contribution made, at this Conference, by Governments, civil society, the private sector, academia and other experts, and emphasize the importance of their continued role in promoting climate-related technology development and cooperation.

13. We express our deep appreciation to the Government of India for the organization of this Conference, and for their hospitality. We also appreciate the United Nations – Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) for their role in helping to organize this Conference.