



**CAN intervention**  
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Thank you Chair

I am speaking on behalf of the Climate Action Network.

The lack of ambition and leadership shown by most developed countries is putting humanity and the natural systems on which we rely at risk.

The IEA recently found that projections for energy use and emissions could be putting us on course for a 6C temperature increase, which would have a high probability of activating a number of potential global-scale tipping points.

Keeping global temperature increase to below 2°C, much less 1.5°C, requires emissions to peak by 2015 while science tells us that developed countries must reduce emissions by more than 40% by 2020.

Low pledges from developed countries are further weakened through loopholes, attempts to shift the ambition discussion to post-2020, and by Parties walking away from the Kyoto Protocol. We are utterly dismayed and disappointed with the decision by the Canadian government to withdraw from the Kyoto Protocol. Repealing all environmental legislation on the statute books will not make climate change go away. We urge Australia and NZ to fulfill their commitments and not follow in Canada's dirty footsteps.

The legal and governance structure of the Kyoto Protocol is crucial to ensuring that mitigation commitments are legally binding and have environmental integrity.

We call on Parties:

- To immediately raise ambition at least to the top ends of the pledges.
- To agree on an adjustment procedure to enable developed countries to increase their 2020 pledges at any time until 2020 without requiring ratification by all Parties.
- To translate pledges into QELROs with the highest possible environmental integrity without *de facto* weakening of the pledges.
- To eliminate loopholes that threaten the environmental integrity and viability of a second Kyoto commitment period. These include surplus AAUs, weak rules for CDM and JI offsets and LULUCF, and possible double-counting of financial flows related to offsets as climate finance.

Thank you Chair