



## **CAN International: COP 24 Closing Statement**

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*Climate Action Network (CAN) is the world's largest network of civil society organizations working together to promote government action to address the climate crisis, with more than 1,300 members in over 120 countries.*  
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The IPCC 1.5C Report is clear: we have just 12 years to make radical emission cuts if we are to avert a climate catastrophe.

Here in Katowice, governments were expected to craft robust rules for the Paris Agreement that would build confidence and drive climate action, to deliver adequate and predictable finance, and to commit to enhancing their climate targets by 2020.

The COP decision you just adopted lays the foundations of the Paris rulebook, though more work remains to be done. But it does not represent a credible response to the planetary emergency we face. Most national leaders clearly lack the political will to tackle the climate crisis with real money for real action and real ambition.

World leaders must answer the scientific community's clear warning by immediately pursuing domestic processes to step up their climate action. They must come to next September's climate summit in New York with clear indications of how they intend to enhance the ambition of their NDCs. CAN also calls on donor countries to significantly increase their pledges to the Green Climate Fund and to honor the \$100bn goal in the next two years.

Ministers and delegates -- Mahatma Gandhi once said "There goes my people. I must follow them, for I am their leader." All around the world, people are rising up to demand action on climate change; it is time for you to follow them.