

Joint Communiqué

Troika Meeting of Host Countries of COP 15, COP 16 and COP 17

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The Governments of Denmark, Mexico and South Africa – hosting COP 15, COP 16 and COP 17, respectively - have decided to establish a Troika that facilitates close cooperation by the three Governments on the ongoing climate change negotiations under the UNFCCC.

This cooperation aims at providing continuity and strengthening the ongoing climate negotiations by providing leadership and guidance in the negotiation process.

In light of the serious climate challenges facing the world, the Troika is calling upon all parties to contribute to the achievement of substantive progress during the upcoming COP 16 in Cancun, Mexico. The Troika firmly believes that by means of a joint effort and renewed commitment in the negotiations, a broad and balanced package of decisions could be agreed upon at COP 16 which will lead to immediate action. A constructive momentum can be obtained during COP16 and last beyond.

The Troika recognizes that fast-start financing is important to build trust. Transparency as to what the parties contribute is essential. Thus, the Troika urges parties from developed countries to deliver on their pledges made in Copenhagen on fast-start financing and put forward concrete actions.

Furthermore, the Troika stresses the need for substantial progress in the upcoming sessions of the Ad hoc Working Groups, to be held in Tianjin, China from 4 to 9 October 2010.

The Troika welcomes the many actions undertaken by national and local Governments, businesses and civil society in pursuit of a low-carbon world and solutions. It is acknowledged that climate change is a multifaceted global challenge, which requires combined efforts from all sectors and all actors.

The Troika is strongly committed to the strengthening of the international regime on climate change.