

RINGO High Level Statement.
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Mr President,

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates!

On behalf of the research and independent non governmental organisations I would like to congratulate you, Mr President, for your election as President of the thirteenth Session of the Conference of Parties. We would further like to extend our thanks to the Government of Indonesia for their generous hospitality on this occasion.

As COP 13 launches a process of intense negotiations that will determine the future of the United Nations climate change regime, sound scientific advice will be more important than ever. For the negotiations to be a success, all Parties – developed and developing alike – must get the advice they require to negotiate meaningfully.

The RINGO constituency, Mr President, will do its utmost to fulfil the expectations of all Parties, but we must emphasise that to do so we need increased support from the international community, in particular for our developing country members. Developing countries lack sufficiently well resourced domestic research institutions. This means that many developing country governments fail to get the sort of trusted advice they need to engage proactively in the negotiations.

Mr President, as many of our members have stressed in the past, the solution to climate change transcends traditional environmental policy. We therefore welcome the invitation of Trade and Finance

Ministers by the Indonesian Government to attend this UN climate change conference, and we look forward to a continuation of this initiative at future Sessions.

We urge the Secretariat to make every effort to ensure proximity between side events and the negotiations to enable delegates to take full advantage of the technical and scientific discussions, and thus to inform their debates, as originally intended.

We also wish to congratulate the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for completing the fourth Assessment Report and on their receipt of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. We believe the decision to award the Peace Prize to the IPCC was truly visionary and hope that in the forthcoming negotiations the international community will show sufficient resolve to follow this vision.

Finally, Mr President, we would like to end our statement on a personal note and extend our best wishes to Barbara Black, the NGO liaison officer of the UNFCCC Secretariat, on her retirement. In particular, we thank her for her tireless support for our constituency, and express our hope that the UNFCCC Secretariat will continue this tradition.

Thank you Mr President!