

COPENHAGEN STATEMENT OF FEDERATED STATES AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

TO THE PARTIES OF THE UNFCCC

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Recognizing that 50-80% of mitigation and adaptation actions are implemented at the subnational and local levels of government and;

Recalling the Background Statement tabled at UNFCCC meetings in the Spring of 2009, highlighted in Barcelona in November 2009 and delivered to the UN Secretary General during Climate Week in September 2009 with the support of federated state and regional leaders and networks from around the world calling for formal recognition by the UNFCCC of subnational action on climate change and;

Recognizing that more than 70 percent of the reductions needed to meet 2020 targets can be achieved by proven policies in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, transport and avoided deforestations and;

Recognizing that subnational governments made commitments through the Montreal Declaration (2005) and Poznan Statement of Action (2008), which have resulted in the establishment of energy efficiency building codes and standards, appliance codes and standards, renewable energy targets, feed-in tariffs, vehicle emission standards, ambitious 2020 targets, carbon taxes and cap and trade regulations, coal phase out strategies, investment in low carbon technologies, adaptation initiatives, afforestation and forest protection initiatives, sustainable agricultural practices and partnerships between developed and developing country regions amongst other leading policies, and;

Recognizing that these actions, in many cases, are motivating national actions and policies and;

Recognizing that these actions are resulting in job creation and sustainable economic development and are creating the foundation for low carbon economic development at the national and international level:

Therefore, building on these actions, 60 Leaders, Ministers, State Secretaries and regional leaders attending the Climate Leaders Summit on December 15th in Copenhagen **are further committed to:**

- Taking practical actions to expand low carbon technologies such as advanced building efficiency, LED lighting, electric vehicles, renewable energy production and transmission, waste management and clean energy technologies with many, on this day, making new commitments on behalf of their jurisdictions and many committing to join the EV 20 initiative that will work towards decarbonizing the auto sector by 2020.
- Committing ourselves to planting at least one billion trees world wide by 2015 and to report on progress toward this goal and calling on national governments, business and communities to

partner with us and plant one tree for every person on the planet as an endowment from the Copenhagen Conference.

- Working together to address mitigation and adaptation needs in regions most vulnerable to the impacts of change including building on partnership agreements signed this year through the UNDP Territorial Approach to Climate Change and, on this day, signing 8 more agreements as well as direct partnerships between subnational governments from developed and developing countries.

We therefore call on the Parties to the UNFCCC gathered in Copenhagen, to:

- **Agree** to ambitious targets that cut global greenhouse gas emissions so that average temperature rises by no more than 2 degrees.
- **Recognize**, in the Accord that will emerge from the Conference, that subnational governments have an important leadership as well as a complementary role to play in developing and implementing the practical policies and actions necessary to achieve the objectives set out in the Convention.
- **Recognize** that without an international agreement on climate change, the actions of subnational governments alone will not be sufficient to meet the scale of the climate change challenge or to fully realize the economic, environmental and social benefits of a low carbon economy.
- **Seize** this opportunity for the benefit of all of our citizens.

Jean Charest

Premier of Quebec

Mike Rann

Premier of South Australia