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MALAYSIA STRESSES THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITY MUST PREVAIL AT UN CLIMATE CONFERENCE

2 DECEMBER 2019 - The UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Madrid kicked off today, with urgent calls to make serious progress on climate action over the next two weeks.

At the opening plenary, Malaysia, speaking on behalf of the Like Minded Developing Countries stressed that our work at this COP 25 must continue to be guided by, and must reflect, the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities, in the light of different national circumstances, under the Convention and its Paris Agreement. The Like Minded Developing Countries is a grouping of 25 developing countries including Malaysia, China, India, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Egypt and others that form a negotiating block in the UN Climate negotiations.

Malaysia highlighted that the COP25 outcome must not be mitigation-centric. For developing countries, adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change and addressing the losses and damages that are incurred are extremely important. These directly affect our countries ability to pursue sustainable development and eradicate poverty while trying to effectively implement the Convention and its Paris Agreement. While the world now has Paris Agreement that entered into force in 2016, Malaysia stressed the need to assess the progress of Pre-2020 actions by developed countries under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. The recent United Nations Environment

Programme (UNEP) report shows emissions reductions has been inadequate in particular by developed countries, who should be taking the lead. In COP25, it is important to produce concrete arrangements by developed countries to close the gaps and to ensure that the climate burden is not shifted to developing countries in the post-2020 period.

Speaking at the same event, United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres said that with climate change impacts becoming ever more dangerous and apparent, COP25 must convey to the world a firm determination to change course.

Chile's Environment Minister, Carolina Schmidt, was formally elected President of the COP. She reminded delegates that work needed to be taken forward at COP25 which can then be captured in improved national climate action plans under the Paris Agreement next year.

The Malaysian delegation at the COP25 Ministerial level is led by YB Puan Isnaraissah Munirah Majilis, Deputy Minister of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC) and the official head of delegation is Dr. K. Nagulendran, Deputy Secretary General (Environment and Climate Change), MESTECC. The Malaysian delegation comprises of senior officials from various key agencies.



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