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Highlights of the determinations of high profile reactions on meetings at COP22

Pledges and ratifications Part 1

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“Just in the past few days, more nations from around the world have ratified the agreement including the UK, Australia, Pakistan and Japan.

“The 100% renewables commitment from the 48 countries now in the Climate Vulnerable Forum and the first 2050 plans from some countries are a turning point in ambition.

In terms, of substance, good progress was made on some key issues, including:

“placing 2018 firmly on the map as the moment when countries must recalibrate their plans to keep up with the mind blowing speed of change in the markets on green growth

“scaling up adaptation finance, and making a plan for ongoing funding after 2025

“agreeing a 2018 deadline for the Paris rulebook.

But experts said the lack of specific preparation by countries - who came into the meeting on a high after the Paris Agreement became law - meant that we didn't pull the momentum for action into the process outcomes.

There's a feeling that this will have to change if we are going to see the progress that is necessary, particularly before 2020. NGOs said as the world looked towards the next major negotiations in Bonn next year, countries will need to work fast to put detail behind their commitments to ambition and accelerate the momentum in the real economy.

Please find below quotes from experts issued at the close of the meeting, plus the results of COP22 in more detail broken down into the following themes:

HIGH-PROFILE REACTIONS OF MEETINGS COP22-----

JENNIFER MORGAN"“The CVF helped change the thinking around vulnerability before Paris. Now, these vulnerable countries at all stages of development, send a clear signal that they are moving forward and getting on with the challenge of building clean, resilient, inclusive economies. We should be grateful for them. SEforALL will support them. We will leave no one behind.”

SHARAN BURROW, GENERAL SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL TRAD UNION CONFEDERATION-----

“We are pleased to see Government plans for emissions reductions but urge them to work with unions and employers to translate them into sectoral wide plans for all industry. We need to plan for the radical shift required in energy and production processes and to ensure Just Transition measures are in place to avoid stranded workers and stranded communities. The social and employment impact of decisions needs to be central to long term policy planning. Workers and communities must not be the hidden cost of a transition. The urgency and political will to act from governments, from companies and from communities is critical if we are to cut emissions before 2020. It needs to start now, and it will take all of us.”-----

Dr KETAN DESAI OF WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION “Doctors around the world are witness to the devastating consequences of climate change on human well being, we implore the representatives to continue negotiating ambitiously especially in what relates to meeting long-term financial commitment, financing for adaptation, and for loss and damage“[?]

MAYOR OF BOSON AND C40 VUCE CHAIR MARTIN J. WALSH-----

“The science hasn't changed. The urgency hasn't changed. As mayors of cities at the frontlines of climate change, we have a continued responsibility to carry forward solutions ““ even more so today than yesterday.“[?]

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