

**Second Ministerial Dialogue**  
**V20 group**  
**Thursday 14 April 2016, Washington DC**

**Statement by France**

- Apologies that M. Sapin cannot attend. Interest in the V20 since its launch in Lima in 2015.
- Continued support from France and the French COP21 Presidency to the V20
- Important role of the V20 countries in reaching an ambitious agreement in Paris
- Political balance of the Paris agreement matches the needs of the most vulnerable countries:
  - Ambition temperature goal (1,5°C)
  - Balance between mitigation and adaptation
  - Recognition of loss& damage
  - Importance of support (finance, technology, capacity building)
  - Mechanism to ensure transparency and that ambition is raised over time in order to reach the goal
- Ahead of and during COP21, many countries and institutions have committed to increase their climate finance, cf French commitment to raise its climate finance from 3 to 5bn€ by 2020, 1bn commitment to the GCF
- Numerous initiatives have also been launched in order to spark action already before 2020, such as CREWS which aims to extend early warning system coverage in LDCs and SIDS by 2020
  
- However Paris was the start, not the end, we now need to implement and deliver
- The high level signature Ceremony next week in NY shall show that the Paris momentum is there to last. We encourage all Parties to ratify as soon as possible in order to enable a swift entry into force. V20 countries are at the forefront for ratification
- All Parties shall deliver on the commitments they have taken ahead and at COP21, sparking action already before 2020
- In this context we are delighted to see the V20 thriving, with progresses on the implementation of its Action Plan and 23 new members
- We congratulate you and wish to see you continuing to play your important constructive role in the negotiations and implementation of the Paris agreement.