

As we close, I wish to thank profoundly Madam Wahlstrom and Madam Robinson for their appreciation of the work of the Philippines as incumbent chair of CVF. I wish to thank also Senator Loren Legarda for her steadfast championship of climate action in the Philippines and internationally.

Today, we end the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) High Level Event with a united and unequivocal call for global climate action.

Launching the Manila-Paris Declaration of the Climate Vulnerable Forum as well as the Climate Vulnerable Forum Road Map for 2016-2018, we mark this day with a decisive stride in our march against the devastating onslaught of climate change and its effects. We hope for a successful conclusion to COP21.

We look forward to collectively reshaping the global economy with the promising potential of a globally binding framework on inclusive and sustainable development. It's not just existential survival we want; we need a more sustainable model of shared prosperity for the world. The work has just begun. We have agreed to strengthening our national climate actions towards the goal of staying below 1.5 degrees, upscaling our own mitigation actions, capacity development for adaptation, and climate risk management. Together with developed countries, we have also committed to accelerating progress on climate finance—turning to innovative solutions to close the \$100 billion needed to secure ourselves a more livable planet.

We thank all the members of the Climate Vulnerable Forum, as well as our partners like the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Asian Development Bank, the International Organization for Migration, for their contributions from day one to today's High Level Event, towards a successful COP21.

Fostering this new culture of global collaboration on climate action is crucial for our individual survival and our shared prosperity.

We believe we are more than just the sum of our parts, and that our collective voice and action will count for much—not only in COP21, but even as we return to our home countries to proceed with the hard work of fulfilling our shared commitments.

With this, we close today's CVF High Level Event with hope. May Paris be forever known for the lights we all commit to hold up together for a more sustainable future.

Thank you.