

Statement of the United States of America upon the closing of the 23rd Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

The United States notes that, as President Trump announced, the United States will withdraw from the Paris Agreement unless it can identify suitable terms for engagement. U.S. participation in COP-23, including negotiations at this session relating to the Paris Agreement, does not indicate a change in the U.S. position.

The United States appreciates the hard work that Parties have undertaken here in Bonn towards reaching a set of decisions and outcomes. We note that while the United States continues to develop its policies, the decisions adopted at this session are without prejudice to our future positions on the matters addressed at this session and the content included in the adopted decisions.

Additionally, with regard to finance matters, and in particular the \$100 billion collective finance goal, the United States notes that it is aspirational in nature, is not legally binding – either collectively or on any Party individually – and does not create rights or obligations. As such, actions to mobilize finance taken by any country – either developed or developing – remain a domestic decision. In this context, the United States reiterates that the financial pledges made by the last administration are not legally binding.

As a global leader in innovation, the United States anticipates continuing support for developing countries' energy, land-use, and resilience activities where mutually beneficial to our broader foreign policy, economic development, and national security objectives. In particular, the United States will endeavor to work closely with other countries to help them access and use fossil fuels more cleanly and efficiently and help deploy renewable and other clean energy sources, given the importance of energy access and security in their nationally determined contributions.