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**STATEMENT**

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Climate change is for real. It is one of the biggest challenges mankind has ever seen. It is up to us to react. And we need to do it together, globally.

Imagine if we would see a rise of sea levels with one meter. In Asia alone, that would mean that a hundred million people will have to move.

So our world has a fever and we have the knowledge of how to meet this. That is why we need global cooperation and a decision in Copenhagen in December.

We need to start where science is pointing us. Taking in the fact that we need to meet the two degree target that has been agreed throughout the world – and take down the emissions to make this possible.

How do we prevent climate change?

Well, we have learned that you can combine sustainable economic growth with the lowering of greenhouse gas emissions.

That is the important lesson. That enables developing countries the right to develop even in the future. That gives us the answer that we need globally.

We welcome very much the decisions taken by the G8 and the Major Economies Forum meeting in L'Aquila this summer. The acceptance of the two degree target by the Major Economies Forum was very important. To be able to achieve that, we have said: we need to take down the emissions by 50 percent globally by 2050 and by 80 percent by the most developed countries at the same time.

In Europe we have said: we are engaging ourselves to take down our emissions by 30 percent – if we can also see the same kind of achievements in other parts of the developed world. That is our way of saying: we will take our important responsibility to be able to meet global change.

The developing countries are now putting up efforts to limit their greenhouse gas emissions.

This needs to be strengthened. We need to do more. It is important to remember that this is possible to do and at the same time have economic growth.

To be able to meet the two degree target – to be able to meet the total effect of climate change – also the most developed of the developing countries need to make more of an effort. In some cases we are talking about a 30 percent reduction in comparison with business as usual.

This is needed to be part of an international agreement; to be able to say to the people of the world: now we have actually met the challenge of global warming.

But let us be clear on one point: the main responsibility lies with the most developed countries of the world. And I am very worried that the emissions reduction that has been presented up until now is insufficient.

I therefore urge the most developed countries to put forward increased efforts regarding their national targets.

We need this to be able to achieve what we now need in the world: An agreement in Copenhagen. A global agreement to a global challenge. That makes it possible for us to tell to the people of the world: now we have met this challenge. Now we can stop the increase of warming at two degrees.