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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft,  
President of the 70<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly,  
on US-China Climate Ratification**

I am pleased to hear this very good news coming out of Hangzhou just before the opening of the G20-meeting: The Presidents of China and United States – the two major economies and CO<sub>2</sub>-emitters – have announced their ratification of the Paris Climate Agreement.

During my meetings with Chinese leaders in Beijing last October I got very strong support for urgent Climate Action. China's own ambitious action plan is now rolling with announcement of guidelines for establishing a Green Financial System and a goal for green projects of US\$600 billion each year.

The China-US ratification and the great Chinese initiatives put useful pressure on those UN-members that have not yet ratified or made their own national action plans.