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**COMMUNIQUE DURING THE SECOND PRE-AMCEN AFRICAN
CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP AND
19 – 20 October 2009
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

The African civil society working on climate change on the platform of PACJA, an alliance of civil society organizations operating in 43 countries across Africa, met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 19 – 20 October 2009 at the second Pre-AMCEN Civil Society Organisations Climate Equity consultative workshop.

Recognizing that the consolidation of the negotiation texts has reached a critical stage, the group present at the meeting reaffirm its support for the African common position on climate change and call upon the High Level Experts Climate Change Negotiators from Africa to consider the following issues:

Future of the Kyoto Protocol

- Realizing that there are uncertainties on the future of the Kyoto Protocol as depicted from the current geo-politics on the agreement,
- That should discussions on the Kyoto Protocol collapse it would take years to develop a new binding “integrated” protocol to address climate change challenges

PACJA call upon AMCEN and the negotiators to resist any attempt to abolish or merge the Kyoto Protocol with the new proposed text. The spirit and the principles of the Bali Action Plan must be respected and guide all negotiations.

Attempts to undermine unity of the G77 and China/African Group

- That the attempts to break the ranks of the G77 and the African Group through surreptitious offers by Annex 1 countries poses threat to the unity of the groups and undermines all efforts currently embarked to preserve the Kyoto Protocol especially on Africa.

PACJA urges the African group to remain united and be aware of divisive ploys that can potentially halt and delay conclusion of the negotiations.

Distortion of responsibilities of parties under the Kyoto Protocol

- That Annex 1 countries proposal to redefine "the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities according to respective capabilities" including funding mechanisms are attempts to abdicate from their responsibilities under the protocol and poses grave danger to developing countries especially Africa.

PACJA calls on our negotiators to resist all attempts to redefine this principle that was agreed by parties under the Kyoto Protocol and reiterates that parties must uphold the principle entered into voluntarily.

Support and Solidarity

- That the on-going COP 15 negotiations require strong partnerships and collaboration of all stakeholders including civil society organizations.
- PACJA acknowledges this new spirit of partnership with our governments and commends the countries that are already working with civil society organizations and urges others to follow suite.

- PACJA reaffirms the wish to strengthen partnerships with specialized agencies, the UN bodies and regional bodies.
- PACJA avails its expertise and wide network to support our negotiators to ensure that the African Common Position remains the guiding pillar in the negotiations.

PACJA reaffirms her support to national governments and to the African Union in the negotiations for a fair just and equitable climate change deal for Africa.