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Press Release

PCC calls on the Ecumenical movement to stand for the poor and the most vulnerable of our World.

As the 15th Conference of Parties reaches midway, it is clear that the issue of climate change means survival to some countries and economic growth to others. The Association of Small Island States have submitted a proposal to secure the twin objectives of survival of the Kyoto Protocol and to strengthen the UNFCCC with a new 'Copenhagen' Protocol that can be adopted here in Copenhagen", said Ambassador Dessima Williams of Grenada.

The Pacific Conference of Churches is a fellowship of 28 member churches and 9 national Councils of Churches in the Pacific region, representing approximately 85% of the region's 8.2 million people. In Copenhagen today, we are witnessing the struggles of the oppressed, the vulnerable and the marginalised to be heard. For us the Pacific Islanders, the outcome of this Conference of Parties will impact the very survival and existence of some of our Pacific Island Countries.

"We can no longer remain on the sidelines and be happy "observers" of the events and await the generosity and sympathy of the developed nations to address our cause. After all we only have one planet and if we do not act today, we will face unfathomable consequences in the future. As the ecumenical movement, our symbol is the boat, not a ship, not a cruise-liner...but a simple boat; we are all on this boat together" said Fe'iloakitau Kaho Tevi, General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches.

Action is needed now!

As the General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches said; "We urge the World Council of Churches and its member churches to stand up for the poor and the most vulnerable and work together with all actors towards an outcome that will address the future of the poor, the most vulnerable and the most marginalised of our world".

We urge the leaders of the G77 group to find a solution from within the group and we will continue to pray for an outcome that would recognise the plight of the poor and the vulnerable of our countries. In this regard, we also urge all interested parties to give space for the G77 to find their own solutions rather than proposing solutions that are not in the interest of maintaining the solidarity of the group.

The Pacific Conference of Churches remains confident that an ambitious and binding agreement is possible in Copenhagen and invite you all to work together towards this goal.

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