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We believe that CCAC initiatives play an important role in achieving significant public health benefits through SLCP reduction.

We strongly support the Climate and Clean Air coalition and are convinced that the multiple efforts in the different initiatives play an important role in achieving significant benefits through SLCP reduction for climate change reduction and health as well.

Awareness-raising efforts are essential, both to improve indoor and outdoor air quality as well as to support poverty eradication and sustainable development. So we envisage and support cooperation with the Health Ministers and the development of a strategy for global awareness-raising for endorsement in 2014.

We strongly support the proposal to develop a Global Green Freight Declaration and a subsequent Charter. Like many other countries, Germany experienced a strong increase in freight traffic in recent years, and it is expected that this trend will continue. In order to uncouple growth and environmental impacts, Germany has adopted a national sustainability strategy which also includes the transport sector, and cooperates with other countries, such as China, to support sustainable trade of goods. We therefore regard the CCAC's "Green Freight Call to Action" as an important step to enhance national efforts towards greener logistics.

We have with interest taken note of the World Bank's concept notes for a new pay-for-performance fund. We think, however, further thoughts and work on the concept are needed. Germany would like to further discuss the design options of such a fund. We also suggest design options that we believe should be part of a further development revision of the current proposal.

In particular, we believe it is important to consider the following three issues:

- We believe that the fund should be open to other short lived climate substances beyond methane already from the beginning. We need to link public support for cheap mitigation to alternative instruments, such as sunset provisions. In short- to mid-term, regulatory solutions will be urgently required to limit global warming to 2 degree. A clear and binding sunset clause will be indispensable, otherwise international public funding would even reduce the pressure for regulation.
- *Last, projects should be linked to broader mitigation policies.* This would ensure the long-term sustainability of abatement activities beyond the financial incentives provided by the Facility.