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Statement by Dr. Gerd Müller,

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Mr Secretary-General,
World Bank President Kim,
Excellencies,

Global climate action is the common responsibility of all nations. If we want to limit global warming to 2 degrees, we need to act swiftly and decisively.

Millions of people are at risk of being driven from their homes because climate change may make their region unfit for human habitation.

The effects of climate change are felt most strongly by people in developing countries. They are the ones who are hardest hit by events such as flood disasters, droughts and water shortages. For small island states in the Pacific, the Caribbean and the Indian Ocean, it is quite literally a question of survival.

Of course, Germany would also be affected. Rising sea levels would threaten our coasts. A downturn in the global economy would have dramatic effects on a country that is built on trade.

That is why we need global awareness of climate change.

We're all in the same boat. Climate action is a vital issue for the survival of the whole of humankind.

Germany is leading the way with ambitious targets.