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- Mr. Secretary General, excellencies, dear colleagues

We walked – hundreds of miles.

We talked – for hundreds of hours.

But what have we changed globally? Unfortunately, not enough !

Global carbon emissions rose to a new record in 2013 – 39.683 billion tons.¹

Now, we have to act – immediately !
 - Because the time we have to act is getting increasingly shorter.
 - Because climate change needs a global solution and global engagement.

- We need a **vision, political will and tools** which are translated into **commitments and actions**.
 - **The vision** of a carbon neutral future is broadly shared.

¹ Reuters, Nov 18., 2013