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## **International foundations F20 comments on G20 Outcome: Successful first Trump-Test on Energy and Climate**

**Hamburg, Germany, July 8, 2017:** Today’s G20 Summit outcome underscored that the implementation of UN Agreements on climate and sustainable development will be among the core responsibilities of the G20 in the future.

"The positive momentum provided by foundations organized in the F20 helped drive this outcome. Foundations in G20 states now should use it to help deliver stronger climate action around the world", says Klaus Milke, speaker of F20 and chairman of German Stiftung Zukunftsfähigkeit. In mentioning the UN-2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the Trump Administration cannot turn its back on its commitments entirely, however isolated it may be on the world stage.

Klaus Milke continues: "Today the true logic of climate action has won out. The world has passed the first Trump climate test. It is a strong sign of unity that all but one of the major economies – some of whom were previously antagonists in the UN climate negotiations - have jointly committed to implementing the Paris Agreement. And 19 countries from the G20 stated: Paris is irreversible."

Chancellor Angela Merkel and some colleagues like the Presidents of France and Italy, Macron and Gentiloni, played an important role to secure this outcome that gets everybody back to work on the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

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The F20 Foundations Platform is an unprecedented alliance of more than 45 foundations and philanthropic organizations from 12 countries that have joined forces on the occasion of the G20 summit in Hamburg. The F20 aims to be a bridge between the 20 most important industrial countries and emerging economies (G20), the private and financial sector as well as civil society. In total, the foundations represent a capital in the double-digit billion range (US dollars).

Alongside with politics and stakeholders from think tanks, business, civil society and trade unions from all over the world, the F20 Platform calls G20 heads of state to confirm their commitment to climate action and urged them to implement the Paris Agreement as soon as possible. And they see the year 2020 as the key year - that is one reason for the name F20 - because then the Paris Agreement fully takes into force.

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