

Ladies and gentlemen,

Whether our children, whether coming generations will recall the Kyoto Protocol with appreciation or disappointment will depend partly on this conference. Only if we see the climate protection process as a chance to achieve lasting environment-friendly development worldwide, only if we succeed in tackling problems together in a spirit of sincere solidarity, only then can we successfully master the great challenges. That is why I appeal to you all to bring these climate negotiations to a successful conclusion. On the threshold to the 21st century send a message from Bonn:

We have taken concerted and resolute action to ensure that this world remains one worth living in for future generations.