

# Deal at Lima saves climate talks, India says it's satisfied

## Hopes Alive For Global Pact In Paris Next Year

**Lima:** A compromise draft on national pledges to cut global carbon emissions saved the UN climate talks from a collapse and kept hopes alive for a global deal in Paris next year to combat climate change.

After a marathon 13-day conference of parties (COP), negotiators on Sunday adopted the draft that addressed India's concerns and set the roadmap for a new binding deal.

Though the outcome was not along expected lines, it somehow managed to keep red lines for all countries — developed and developing. The agreement — Lima Call for Climate Action — paves the way for all nations to submit their 'nationally determined' pledge for emission cuts and adaptation measures by Octo-



Activists perform as heads of state in Lima. Environment minister Prakash Javadekar said India met all its targets at the meet

ber next year — not by June 2015 as was expected after last year's Warsaw talks.

Though it doesn't give an ambitious roadmap for climate finance, it addresses concerns of developing countries by keeping the 'adaptation' clause intact and not diluting basic principles — CBDRs — of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Pro-

ocol. The contentious issues will, however, come up again during the Paris talks ahead of the final agreement. Environment minister Prakash Javadekar said after the delegates approved a blueprint for talks leading up to a deal in 2015 that is to come into effect after 2020, "All of India's concerns have been addressed. We have

achieved targets and we got what we wanted."

Nations concluded that by elaborating the elements of the new agreement, scheduled to be stamped in Paris in late 2015, while also agreeing to the ground rules on how all countries can submit contributions to the new pact during the first quarter of next year:

These Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) will form the foundation for climate action post-2020 when the new pact is set to come into effect.

During the two-week 20th conference of parties, countries also made significant progress in elevating adaptation onto the same level as action to cut and curb emissions. The talks though had at times got heated up as developed and developing countries bickered over who should bear responsibility for reducing carbon emissions.

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