



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA, DELIVERED BY MR. WALTER SCHULDT, DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHAIR OF THE G77 AND CHINA FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, FOURTH PART OF THE FIRST SESSION (Bonn, Germany, 7 November 2017)

Madame Co-Chairs,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. At the outset, the Group would like to thank the Co-Chairs for the Reflection Note which provides a helpful outline for our work at this session. We look forward to continue to engage constructively in the textual work that is needed for the operationalization of the Paris Agreement in a manner that reflects equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances, and in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty; while continuing to enhance the full implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, without any renegotiation or reinterpretation of their principles and provisions.

In that process, we reiterate that the work of APA should be party-driven and undertaken in a comprehensive, balanced and coherent manner, addressing mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building, in a single package. To that effect, our Group and its different constituencies have provided an important number of submissions with concrete substantive proposals and inputs that together with the submissions from the rest of our partners, should be the basis for our negotiations, of course, without limiting the opportunities for Parties to provide additional inputs that may have been omitted or that may result from the round tables or the negotiations, ensuring therefore that no one is left behind.

On Agenda Item 3, the Group stresses that the guidance should respect both the diversity and the nationally determined character of NDCs, and that it should assist Parties with the preparation and communications of their NDCs in order to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of Parties' contributions. In this regard we welcome an appropriate and further guidance on features, information and accounting for NDCs as well as further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of the NDC. We stress that this guidance should be developed in a flexible manner to accommodate the diversity of NDCs, their nationally determined nature, and the national circumstances of developing country Parties. We urge developed countries to provide finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support to developing country Parties for the preparation, communication and implementation of their NDCs.

The Group emphasizes the extreme importance of adaptation especially since climate change is increasingly impacting our members and limiting our overall capacities to achieve sustainable development. On Agenda Item 4, we believe that adaptation communications would enhance adaptation action and support and at the same time they will serve as a clear input to the Global Stocktake and as a tool to achieve the global goal on adaptation. The guidance must reflect the country-driven nature of adaptation and aim to enhance the adaptive capacity, reduce vulnerability and increase resilience without creating additional burdens on developing countries, while being comprehensive and have optional elements to help guide Parties' Adaptation communication. We urge developed country Parties to provide adequate support to developing country Parties in meeting the cost of their adaptation actions.

On Agenda Item 5, we consider that the MPGs for enhanced transparency framework need to reflect the different and nationally determined nature of the NDCs and should be developed on the basis of the existing differentiated transparency arrangements under the Convention, with a view to enhance them. The Group highlights that flexibility applies to all aspects of the enhanced transparency framework-reporting, review, and multilateral consideration, for developing countries in light of their capacities. We stress the need that all finance provided and mobilized by developed country Parties should take into account the needs and priorities of developing country parties. In this regard, we believe that one the purposes of this framework should be to clarify information on financial support that developed countries provide and mobilize to developing countries for their implementation of climate actions under the Paris Agreement; and also to enable developing countries to evaluate their needs and define their finance priorities.

On Agenda item 6, the Group would like to recall the comprehensive, transparent and facilitative nature of the Global Stocktake, and in that regard its modalities and the sources of its inputs should include mitigation, adaptation, and all the means of implementation, in light of equity and the best available science, enabling a clear linkage between action and support. Therefore, such modalities should facilitate a global stocktake of the collective progress made in the achievement of the objective purpose and goals of the Convention and its Paris Agreement, so that the outcome as established on the article 14.3 informs Parties in updating and enhancing, in a nationally determined manner, their actions and support in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Agreement, as well as in enhancing cooperation for climate action. In this regard, we wish to highlight the importance of addressing loss and damage for developing countries, and the importance of the specific needs and concerns of developing countries arising from the impacts of the implementation of response measures, in line with the objective of achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals.

On Agenda item 7, the Group reaffirms that the Article 15 Committee to promote compliance and facilitate implementation shall be facilitative in nature and function in a transparent, non-adversarial and non-punitive manner, reflecting the different responsibilities, national circumstances and capacities of developed and developing country Parties under the Convention and its Paris Agreement. At the same time, the work of the Committee should be comprehensive and consultative with a view to guidance or assistance in all aspects, including mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building and response measures.

On agenda item 8, we would like to recall that there are a number of additional issues, -some of which are mandated issues to CMA to address-, that deserve further consultations, and therefore we reiterate the urgent need to decide on their different processes including, inter alia, in relation to the communication of information on public finance by developed country Parties, the Forum on the Impact of the Implementation of Responses Measures to serve the Paris Agreement, the Adaptation Fund to serve the Paris Agreement, the Financial Mechanism as well as the LDC Fund and the SCCF under the Paris Agreement, and the establishment of a new long term financial goal, taking into account the needs and priorities of developing countries. On the Adaptation Fund's decision to serve the Paris Agreement, the Group considers it should address procedural matters and reflect the high relevance of the matter which calls for a prompt response. The Group is expecting concrete actions in that direction during this COP.

Finally, we also express our concern on the negative implications resulting out of unilateral coercive economic measures for climate action in developing countries, to avoid undermining developing countries capacities to fight climate change and the rights to live of our peoples.

Madame Co-Chairs, we reiterate our continued constructive engagement with you and with all the

rest of the delegations to achieve a successful and balanced outcome on all the agenda items.

Thank you Co-Chairs.

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