

ASOCIACIÓN INDEPENDIENTE DE AMÉRICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE – AILAC
Closing Statement

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Messrs Chairs of the SBI and SBSTA,

Madame Executive Secretary,

Distinguished delegates,

- 1. I have the honour to make this statement on behalf of the group of AILAC countries: Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru and Costa Rica. Let me begin by associating our intervention with that made by Palestine on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.**
- 2. We would like to begin by thanking you, Messrs Chairs, and the co-facilitators for leading our deliberations over the past two weeks. We started these sessions with a clear agenda for very focused technical work aimed at advancing the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and our progress has sadly fallen short of our expectations.**
- 3. We have heard many times from all groups around this room that we must shift from a framework of negotiation to a framework on action and implementation. To this end, we want to be very loud and clear: AILAC Countries are working on the implementation of the Paris Agreement. We are deeply concerned to have heard at this session that we are only aiming at the implementation of the Convention and *not* the Paris Agreement.**

4. **AILAC believes that comprehensively implementing Paris is the key towards the enhanced and effective implementation of the Convention. Failing to implement Paris will undoubtedly miss the opportunity to effectively achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention and its long term goal, with catastrophic and irreversible effects for all countries, in particular those highly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change such as AILAC Countries.**
5. **In this light, we are deeply concerned too by some practices that were held at this session of the Subsidiary Bodies, through which, outset “understandings” undermine from the start the possibility of our deliberations to arrive at substantive conclusions, and which constitute a dangerous precedents for our future deliberations. AILAC strongly believes that our collective construction is the best way for the multilateral framework to deliver on an effective response to the global challenge of climate change, and that to that end, no single Party should be allowed to make or break that collective construction that has required concessions on behalf of us all.**

Distinguished delegates,

6. **The UNFCCC was created in response to a warning from science, and a vast array of incontrovertible evidence-base regarding the causes, effects, and future scenarios on climate change. And we decided to act.**
7. **As our work progressed over the years, we kept abreast of the latest scientific information. The very decision which adopted the Paris Agreement again reached out to the IPCC – our scientific guides – to shine a light on our path. The resulting *Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels*,**

which is excellent, was delivered on time and presented a clear message: 2030 emissions must be around half of 2010 emissions in order to limit warming to 1.5°C.

8. **Our enhanced understanding of the science of 1.5 degrees makes it absolutely essential that we carry out a periodic evaluation of long-term global goal of our Convention.** We are not seeking to re-negotiate the goal agreed in Paris, but we have to do important work to understand what achieving the goal actually means for us as countries, in light of the ultimate objective of our Convention. **In particular, the language and scenarios of overshoot, as presented by the IPCC, must play a key role as we set out our plans and strategies,** because temperature overshoot can lead us to terrible impacts even as we achieve targets by 2100.
9. Even within our current understanding, however, we know action is urgent. **In this light, we cannot put off deciding on common timeframes for NDCs four years into the future.** We must be more ambitious for this key pillar of our Ambition Mechanism and resolve this within 2020 at the latest.

Messers Chairs,

10. **AILAC is fully engaged and committed to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and we will soon all be operating under its enhanced Transparency Framework.** We thank all Parties for the rich discussions that give us a clear picture of what is needed to progress in the designing formats, outlines and a training programme for the reviewers under the transparency framework of the Paris Agreement. **We invite all Parties to continue and accelerate this work, in a constructive manner, to ensure that our task under this item concludes as soon as possible and provides all the elements need to enable the**

effective implementation of the transparency framework so that it is instrumental to the effective operation of the Paris Agreement's ambition mechanism.

11. AILAC acknowledges the importance of having enhanced terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts that allows this body to provide technical and specialized support to developing country Parties in the implementation of their reporting commitments, in line with ultimate objectives under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.
12. **We urge all Parties engaged in the deliberations on Article 6 of the PA to bear in mind the importance of ensuring the environmental integrity of the new market and non-market approaches. Otherwise, we risk falling into the trap of perverse incentives. If we are not careful, we could favour investments which undermine the Paris Agreement.**
13. **Our hard work on the Terms of Reference for the WIM review has enhanced our collective understanding of what the review should focus on – as well as the key elements required for assessing progress – bearing in mind the long-term vision of the mechanism.**
14. This opportunity not only lets us specify a roadmap to conduct the review, but is also a valuable space in which to reflect upon how the review can help us enhance and strengthen the WIM in the context of the Paris Agreement long term transformational long term vision. We urge all Parties to continue working towards COP25 and CMA2, ensuring we can improve the mechanism that will ultimately lead to greater action and better understanding regarding loss and damage related to climate change impacts on the ground.

Messrs. Chairs, Distinguished Delegates,

15. AILAC's commitment to the Paris Agreement is unequivocal. In acknowledging the size of the challenge that its implementation is representing and will continue to represent to us as developing countries, in terms of financial, human and technical capacities, we give the utmost importance to progress reached this session in agreeing on terms of reference for both the 4th review of the framework of capacity building and the review of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building. We look forward to negotiations in substance in Santiago so to assess and revamp our frame of work for it to effectively address our capacity building challenges in a manner that is commensurate to the ambition of the Agreement.
16. The effective implementation of the Paris Agreement requires us to provide sufficient resources to our Secretariat to continue enabling our work in this negotiations process and through the work of the constituted bodies and mandates that derive from the decisions that we as Parties have been making. In this sense, we commend all Parties for the spirit of compromise shown in agreeing on a budget for the next biennium.

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17. **AILAC will continue working on these pending tasks to enable a robust operationalization of the Paris architecture. We are learning that implementation is not easy, and for a mechanism to work, all its parts must play their role. We urge all Parties to continue to work in the spirit of action and ambition that our great task requires of us. AILAC will do its part through the work of the Pre COP in Costa Rica and the COP, CMP and CMA in Chile at the end of the year to set us in the right path towards implementation and action consistent with the demands of science. The challenge we are facing demands our best and we will bring our best to engage on it.**

I thank you.