

ASOCIACIÓN INDEPENDIENTE DE AMÉRICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE – AILAC  
**Opening Statement**

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Messrs Chairs of the SBI and SBSTA,

Madame Executive Secretary,

Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honor to make this statement 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 presented by Palestine on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. We would like to begin by thanking the Polish Presidency of COP24, as well as our colleagues from all the delegations, for their commitment and hard work that allowed us to adopt the Paris Agreement Work Program last December in Katowice.
3. While AILAC recognizes this intense technical work is a distinctive achievement of the multilateral fight against climate change, we emphasize that those decisions, together with those still to be adopted to complete that common framework of rules, *will not by themselves solve the climate emergency we face.*

Distinguished delegates,

4. Determined, ambitious and systematic action on the part of all States is the only possible response commensurate with the magnitude of the challenge we face.

5. We must *all* implement the transformation we agreed upon under the Paris Agreement, starting with the updating of our NDCs in 2020, and the formulation and implementation of Long Term Strategies. This unprecedented transformation to which we agreed goes beyond significant mitigation and adaptation efforts, starting the urgent decoupling between growth and development on one hand with increased greenhouse gas emissions on the other.
6. This fiftieth session of the Subsidiary Bodies, and the conclusions they submit to COP25, should mark a clear and decisive milestone in the work under the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, setting out how they are guided by the best available scientific information, recognizing and decisively responding to the call for urgency contained in the clear findings of the IPCC Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C.
7. Under this premise, COP25 in Chile, and the PreCOP in Costa Rica set the stage for a single purpose: ambition. AILAC wants to leave, as legacy to the multilateral framework, a decisive and irreversible turn towards ambitious and progressive action.
8. The next 10 years are the last opportunity we have to stop the worst effects of climate change. Let there be mistake: climate change is a problem of the present, not of the future. The future will be defined by what we do now. We trust that together, we will be able to advance in our substantive agendas during the PreCOP in San Jose, which will take place from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, and during COP 25 / CMA2 in Santiago from December 2 to 13 of this year.

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9. The SB Agendas for the next two weeks – when they meet for the first time without any other negotiating body since 2005 – show we have gone beyond the negotiation phase and are now fully focused on implementation and action. This agenda, along with the agenda and results of COP25, should give science its rightful central place in guiding of our multilateral framework.

10. Any approach that undermines this fundamental premise, will be a breach of the Paris Agreement and the failure of the multilateral framework to respond to the most important global challenge of our times.

Distinguished delegates,

11. AILAC attaches particular importance to the completion of work related to the modalities and guidelines for the operationalization of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. In this context, we reiterate that what is agreed under Article 6 under no circumstances can undermine the environmental integrity of Paris Architecture. An unclear accounting guide that undermines transparency agreements and the ability to effectively monitor progress toward global mitigation will not be accepted.

12. In this spirit, AILAC also highlights the importance of discussions on common timeframes and the scope of the next periodic review of the adequacy of the long-term goal under the Convention, which should be directed towards achieving concrete results so COP25 can decide on them.

13. The COP25 decision on the common time frames, and therefore the discussions of these SBs, should reflect the call of science to increase ambition of action for the next 10 years so that the objective of 1.5°C,

embodied in Paris. is achievable. We countries are called upon to ensure our NDCs take into account the results of the global stocktake, and are coherent with the ambition cycle of the Agreement. AILAC is confident that by considering these premises in our deliberations, we agree to a commitment that accommodates the realities of domestic implementation within the demands of achieving the purpose of the Agreement.

14. Similarly, for AILAC, it is a priority that we start the periodic review of the adequacy of the long-term goal at COP25, in light of the IPCC Special Report of 1.5°C and Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, noting that there is no assessment of the adequacy of the long-term goal within the global stocktake process, so it is essential to preserve this aspect of the scope of the periodic review. This is the natural place to integrate the best scientific information to guide the work of the Convention and the Agreement.
15. Regarding the terms of reference for the review of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage to be completed at COP25, we emphasize that for AILAC, this review should result in clear and operational recommendations on how the WIM and its Executive Committee can be enhanced, as well as regarding collaboration with other agencies, organizations and groups of experts, consistent with its role under the Convention and the Agreement to prevent, minimize and address loss and damage.
16. The deliberations under the SBSTA on transparency should lay the foundations for these mandates to be successfully completed in 2020. Taking into account the challenges contained within the Paris Agreement. At the same time, they must take into account lessons learned, best practices and experiences of the implementation of the current reporting framework under the Convention.

17. We highlight the elements of the long-term financing agenda in both the transparency of the support and in the workshop on long-term financing. These should provide progress beyond the mobilization and provision of financing, building towards a more structural approach to empower the transformation towards a low emissions and resilient development path in developing countries.
18. In this spirit, we emphasize the importance of the PCCB and its work. For AILAC it is of great importance that the Committee can continue delivering on its mandate in the coming years, and enhance its working modalities in a way that is fully aligned with the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
19. Finally, we highlight the importance of discussions on gender and the platform of local communities and indigenous peoples, which will take place during this intersessional meeting. The workshop on gender and climate change that began yesterday must be the beginning of what we trust will be an inclusive, open and transformative process that concludes a new mandate for the Lima Work Program on Gender, and the Second Gender Action Plan, that focus on affirmative and transformational actions, for the benefit of the lives of millions of marginalized people, especially women and girls.
20. The Platform must produce a comprehensive Work Plan that recognizes the challenges and contributions of local communities and indigenous peoples in this process, which will be of the utmost importance in achieving the objectives of the Convention. Both processes must produce concrete deliverables for COP 25, as well as contribute decisively in achieving the objectives of the global agendas, including the Convention, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development, and the revision of Aichi's biodiversity targets, among others.

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21. AILAC will continue working on these pending tasks to enable a robust operationalization of the Paris architecture, but, more importantly, the implementation of commitments and the progressive improvement of action. We are confident that our partners will honor what we have already agreed upon, the spirit of the Paris Agreement, so we implement them at the national level, not only to fulfill our commitments, but also to begin the transformation towards climate-resilient low-emissions development.

I thank you.