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## **YOUNGO Intervention at SB50 in Bonn: Joint opening plenary of SBI and SBSTA**

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Thank you Chair,

Distinguished Co-Chairs, delegates, and representatives,

We are Diana Carrillo Risi from Peru and Samuel Albert from Canada speaking on behalf of the children and youth constituency.

The average concentration of atmospheric carbon present is higher than ever before. Time is running out, and we, the children and youth, are asking you from the streets around the world to take bold action NOW. Our future is at stake.

We demand all Parties to come to a consensus on the Common Time Frames. YOUNGO believes that all Parties should be adhering to the same 5-year timeframe for implementation, with an optional 10 years indicative target, and built-in flexibility for the Small Island Developing States and the Least Developed Countries.

On Article 6, YOUNGO welcomes the efforts to avoid double counting, and we believe that a carrying-over of credits from the Kyoto Protocol into the Paris Agreement is not contributing to the Overall Mitigation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. We hope this to be a productive session for the negotiation on Article 6, concluded in time for COP 25.

On Action for Climate Empowerment, this continues to be one of our main priorities. We call upon the parties to review the TOR of the Doha Work Program taking into account the outcomes of the ACE Youth Forum 2018.

On SBI item Arrangement for Inter-governmental meetings, we believe that deliberations on cycles of COP must be postponed until 2023, and AIM must expand the scope to include meetings of sub-bodies mandated from PAWP. We also call for voluntary support from Parties for representation of observers from most vulnerable countries. We further recommend for a Conflict of Interest definition and comprehensive policy within the UNFCCC - to ensure the NDCs are ambitious without influence of fossil fuel lobby groups.

On RSOs, we urge the Parties to reconsider the language surrounding the IPCC1.5 special report toward a full recognition of the best available science.

Regarding agriculture, YOUNGO stresses the importance of farmers' rights, indigenous knowledge, women inclusion and consideration of local and traditional practices. We urge the Koronivia Workshop under SBSTA to push for progress and also encourage developed countries to take responsibility for a fast transition towards agroecology and sustainable agriculture.

On the Green Climate Fund and workshop on long term climate finance, YOUNGO believes that any reduction of the 100 billion goal should not be negotiable. If anything, we need to scale up multilateral support and we support active engagement at the upcoming GCF replenishment conference.

On Loss and Damage, the WIM review must address the needs of the most vulnerable, by committing to investigating the creation of a new and additional finance stream or sub-stream for Loss & Damage - thereby properly understanding the needs of the countries most vulnerable to climate disasters.

Colleagues, we are at a pivotal point in the future of our planet. The stakes have never been higher in ensuring our future. We thank you for your attention, and wish you a productive session.