

# Papua New Guinea on Behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations

## Glasgow Climate Change Conference

### High-Level Segment

#### Statement

7 November 2021

Thank you, Mr. President,

Papua New Guinea has the honor to speak on behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations.

At the outset, we align ourselves with the statement made by Guinea on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. President, as the latest IPCC study indicated, the effects of climate change are much **more severe** than anybody ever imagined. Achieving the 1.5-degree threshold as defined by the IPCC is a therefore a must and COP26 must deliver!

Mr. President let's be clear. The 1.5-degree goal is unattainable without REDD+ and full consideration of the world's rainforests. Dramatically **slowing global deforestation** is needed and the REDD+ Mechanism is singularly designed to achieve that goal.

Article 5 of the Paris Agreement defines REDD+ as the only mechanism to implement forestry activities. Whether it is deforestation, degradation or conservation, REDD+ is our north star. It is based on a set of decisions that have been agreed and are now being implemented.

Developing countries are now hard at work on Article 5 which should not be re-opened! Our work to date should not be disrupted!

Mr. President, environmental integrity must be at the core of our work and the Glasgow outcome must be built on this principle. REDD+ decisions already ensure a **high level of environmental integrity** and all other sectors should be based on the same rules, notably national GHG inventories and national reference levels. The

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same stringency should be reflected in Article 6 guidance as this is a critical condition for the private sector to engage with the Paris Agreement.

The last elements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework created by the Paris Agreement must include clear and simple decisions that are consistent with previously **agreed rules**. Emission reductions or removals not included in our NDCs, national monitoring system and GHG inventories must not qualify for international transfer.

Mr. President, Rainforest nations have already delivered **more than 9Gts** of GHG emissions reductions. This is an astounding figure and proof that the REDD+ mechanism has been of immediate benefit. These actions deserve to be adequately rewarded so that we can continue to effectively address the global climate emergency. For this reason, we call for clarity that **REDD+ results are included in the definition of ITMOs**.

As agreed back in Katowice agreed REDD+ MRV is **concurrent** to the new Transparency process. To avoid redundancy, the rules on Article 6.2 must be consistent with this approach.

Mr. President, adaptation is of utmost importance for our countries. We must agree on a clear plan to define the **global goal on adaptation**. Adaptation finance should not be a small percentage of mitigation; it should be real, predictable and at scale. Finance for adaptation projects should come exclusively from developed countries.

As Article 6.2 is a critical tool allowing countries to fulfill their NDCs, it should include incentives for **early, pre-2020 REDD+ actions** and should only include activities **inside** their respective NDCs. This is the only way to reach the 1.5C goal. REDD+ is part of the Paris Agreement. The CDM is part of the past.

Mr. President, we have all made sacrifices attend COP 26, travelling during a global pandemic. It is therefore imperative that we respect all views and engage all parties to make Glasgow a success. As usual, you can count on us and our support to deliver what is world is expecting.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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