

STATEMENT BY ARGENTINA ON BEHALF OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND URUGUAY (ABU)

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Mr/Mme. Chair,

Argentina has the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Our countries associate themselves with the statement made by the Chair of the G77 and China.

We would like to begin by thanking the UNFCCC Secretariat for their hard work and dedication during this round of virtual sessions. We also thank you, Chairs and our co facilitators, for guiding us in this process as we come even closer to COP 26.

These three weeks have posed a great challenge, in particular for developing countries. Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay welcome the fruitful discussions we had, and are confident that they will serve as a basis for future discussions.

However positive, conversations on complex technical issues will need to be guided by political discussions. Through these weeks, great effort was made to improve our understanding of the divergent views shown by Parties and most of the positions remain inflexible.

Virtuality proves to be a useful platform for the exchange of views, but technical aspects remain an obstacle as it was proven these past days. Consequently, we believe that, to move forward in a constructive manner and to reach outcomes at COP26, the most appropriate format would be face-to-face both for technical workshops and for decision making, while ensuring participation of all interested Parties and observers in the safest way possible. ABU would also like to reiterate that the notes produced during these June meetings have no formal status.

Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay favor a balanced treatment across agenda items. This is why we see with concern that while some items advance with the identification of elements of draft decisions, some others lag behind.

We emphasize that progress on the transparency agenda under SBSTA can only be achieved if accompanied by SBI concrete actions and decision on support in Glasgow, taking into account that appropriate financial, technical and capacity building is critical for developing country Parties in order to properly implement the ETF.

On discussions regarding the adaptation agenda our Group believes it would be crucial to advance discussions around the task force on the Global Goal on Adaptation, and on the need to

reinforce the alignment between adaptation instruments and others, like the adaptation communication, NAPs, LTS, etc.

We also believe it will be necessary to broaden the scope of the Nairobi Work Programme activities to other subregions and continue to work on the usability of its products.

We hope to continue our engagement with a view to enhancing finance and support for adaptation through different means, and in different phases of NAP formulation, implementation, monitoring and revision.

On the Fourth Review of the Adaptation Fund, we stress the need to address the implementation of Decision 1/CMP.8 , and that the outcomes of the Review will be made available to both CMP and CMA, since the Adaptation Fund already serves the Paris Agreement. In addition, membership, representation, eligibility criteria or further differentiation among developing-country Parties on the Adaptation Fund Board should not be discussed.

Concerning the Global Stocktake, ABU would like to stress the importance of having an inclusive and equitable process that leads us to the future but also looking backward at implementation gaps and challenges, especially regarding pre-2020 implementation.

Regarding cooperative approaches under article 6, there are still real differences of views on core issues, both at the technical and the political level.

We emphasize the need to assure that cooperative approaches are used to enhance ambition, and do not lead to backtracking when presenting successive NDCs. Moreover, sufficient and predictable financing and capacity building for developing countries is required, in order to operationalize article 6.

On the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture, Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay reaffirm their commitment to work with other Parties to deepen the understanding of the vulnerabilities of the food production to climate change and to strengthen the resilience of this sector to achieve the fundamental goal of safeguarding food security and ending hunger.

We would like to end our intervention by reiterating our appreciation to you, and the Secretariat for your guidance these past weeks.

Our Group stands ready to advance pending work, and hope we can arrive at substantive decisions in November to fully implement the Convention and its Paris Agreement.

Thank you.