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Solomon Islands Statement on 'Impacts of climate change, adaptation measures and sustainable development' Plenary.

~~Thank you~~

Mr. Chairman,

Adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change has deserved its rightful place in the political agenda of the global environment movement.

The fact that this has happened signifies the following for Solomon Islands.

There is universal acceptance as mentioned by many delegates this morning that climate change has damaged the global environment. That waiting for perfect science is definitely not an option. Adaptation implies much greater responsibility to be undertaken by the international community to fund projects in the most vulnerable, like the countries in the Pacific region.

Adaptation, as a global issue, also implies that unnecessary and helpful conditions should not be demanded on countries, like mine, to access the funds pledged for adaptation.



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Finally Mr. Chairman, Adaptation is in a simple form of explanation, preparing for much greater hazards and risks. Solomon Islands is often affected by tropical cyclones and other extreme weather events such as the El Niño phenomena.

These hazards and risks will continue to happen, especially as we see a trend in less mitigation rather than grand-scale cuts in the global level of greenhouse gas emissions. And therefore, adaptation issues should not be sidelined but take its rightful place in the convention process.

Thankyou for your attention.



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