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STATEMENT FOR THE CLOSING PLENARY SESSION OF THE APA1-3

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Mesdames Co-Chairs,

Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honor of speaking on behalf of the group of AILAC countries: Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay and Peru. Allow me to begin this intervention by supporting the statement made by Ecuador on behalf of the G77 and China.

Mesdames Co-Chairs,

Colleagues,

2. We thank you for your leadership and the work of the co-facilitators during these conferences, and we highlight the progress made in our deliberations in the process of developing the Paris Rulebook. We would have liked to take several more steps forward, but at least we have started the way in the right direction.

3. For AILAC, this session has been an opportunity to advance a substantive understanding of different points of view regarding the characteristics, information and accounting of Nationally Determined

Contributions. The timely completion of these guidelines will be essential to support us in the preparation and review of subsequent contributions, as well as supporting the assessment of progress towards the overall goals of the Paris Agreement.

4. AILAC also recognizes the progress made in the development of guidelines for adaptation communication, which is essential to provide clarity on priorities and adaptation needs, and to thus strengthen adaptation action in our countries.

5. We emphasize the relevance of the discussions for the construction of the Enhanced Transparency Framework. For AILAC it is fundamental that this Framework contains the elements to give effective follow-up to the implementation of national actions so that these are progressively coherent with the achievement of the long-term goals. Transparency of action and transparency of support are not a zero-sum game, but are the pillars of trust between the Parties and of their mutual commitment to not condition action, so as to move collectively towards a transformation of our models of development.

6. It is imperative to make greater progress in defining the modalities and sources of information for the Global Stocktake. This stocktake will determine the ambition dynamics of action in mitigation, adaptation and the provision and mobilization of the means of implementation for the long-term transformation that we agreed to reach. AILAC hopes that the future work on this topic will allow

delineation of the fundamental elements for the modalities and inputs in a way that is coherent with the developments of other agenda items, but above all, with the objective of the Agreement.

7. The Committee under Article 15 should innovate in how a compliance framework contributes to the achievement of the collective purpose of the Agreement. For AILAC, this instance complements the other elements contained in the Agreement, capitalizing on national circumstances and capabilities in favor of the transformation that the implementation of the Agreement requires.

8. Before concluding, Mesdames Co-Chairs, AILAC would like to express its appreciation for the important efforts made so far by the Parties in the preparation of their nationally determined contributions.

9. However, we emphasize the following: the scientific and technical studies that have analyzed the aggregate effect of this effort prove that it is insufficient.

10. The 2018 Facilitative Dialogue is the most relevant instant for achieving the trajectory demanded by the science, to have any real opportunity to achieve the long-term goals we all agree under the Paris Agreement. This Dialogue must materialize the links between the transformation that will have to be made, the resilient and low emission development strategies that each Party has been invited to

formulate, and the opportunities that will allow us to reach our goals.

11. AILAC has every confidence that the leadership of the Presidency of Fiji, where the real significance of vulnerability is lived every day and where one can see how the global response to the threat of climate change will determine their survival, will lead the COP23 under the bottom line that should guide these negotiations: ambition. They have our unequivocal support in this effort.

Thank you, Mesdames Co-Chairs.