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Madam President,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. At the outset, I would like to thank you, Madam President, for holding this stocktaking event today. The Group believes that it could be useful for ensuring coherence among different bodies and progress under each body.

3. The Group is delighted that now APA can move forward and join SBI and SBSTA in pursuing those tasks mandated to us at Paris. We would like to express our appreciation for your effort, as well as those of the Chairs and Co-Chairs of all bodies, in facilitating our discussion and providing us with necessary space that is needed in reaching an agreement under this Party-driven process. Even though we had to spend some time during this past week discussing about the agendas of all bodies, but the conversation was essential for us in order to gain more clarity and to reach common understanding. As we are in the implementation phase, it is important to get the agendas right to define the scope of our work and to be a tool to organize our deliberation in the post-Paris era.

4. The Group believes that the spirit of balance and coherence, among APA, SBI and SBSTA, is critical in driving our work forward and it must be maintained throughout this session and beyond.

Madam President,

5. **Under the APA**, the Group stresses that the delicate balance achieved in the Paris Agreement and accompanying decisions requires a balanced progress of all issues in a context of implementation. While recognizing the urgency of mitigation, we also

stress the importance of adaptation, especially to developing countries which are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as well as the provision of the necessary means of implementation to developing countries for their climate actions, both for adaptation and mitigation. The Group stands ready to engage with all parties based on the APA agenda as adopted. We believe it gives assurances to the need for a balanced, coherent and cross-cutting approach to address the APA issues.

6. The Group is of the view that modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support should be based on relevant paragraphs in Decision 1/CP.21 and Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. We recognize interlinkages of the transparency framework with other provisions in the Paris Agreement, and the magnitude of works to be carried out in developing common modalities, procedures and guidelines. Therefore, we urge APA to aim at producing program of work on modalities, procedures and guidelines for further deliberation in COP22 and beyond.

7. The Group welcomes the progress made so far in SBI and SBSTA in various agenda items as well as in the mandated in-session events.

8. **For SBI**, the ICA should aim to identify capacity-building needs of developing countries in order to facilitate the reporting of information in the subsequent BURs and ICA.

9. On the Terms of Reference for the 3rd review of the Adaptation Fund, the Group believes that it should address the effectiveness and sustainability of the operation of the Fund including its resources. This is in line with the spirit of the Paris Agreement which we should be careful to maintain. With a view to achieving this objective, we must therefore reflect on the status of its resources, access modalities, approval procedures, amongst other innovative features of the Fund. At the same time, we must focus on the coherence of the Fund with other institutions under the Convention as well as reflect upon its institutional arrangements.

10. The Group welcomes the 5th meeting of the Durban Forum on Capacity Building. We appreciate the technical paper elaborated by the secretariat to support Parties in conducting the 3rd comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity building in developing countries. The Group welcomes the progress made in the consultations regarding the PCCB, a key element for the implementation of the Paris Agreement. We would like to see the composition of the PCCB completed in such a way that it is balanced and equitable in terms of geographical representation and gender. It should include a wide range of Parties to reflect the diversity of capacity building providers and recipients and take into account the specific needs, concerns and circumstances of developing country Parties.

11. Regarding the forum and work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures, by the closing of this Bonn session, we expect the operationalization of three following core tasks, namely the development of the work programme of the improved forum, the elaboration of the Terms of Reference for the Technical Expert Group, and the list of activities with specific timelines to implement the work programme.

12. **For SBSTA**, the Group notes the progress made on the elaboration of the Technology Framework under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, highlighting that the Technology Framework should play a strategic role in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, particularly its Article 10, and its guidance to the Technology Mechanism should be flexible, balanced, systematic and comprehensive in order to respond the evolving needs of climate technology development and dissemination in developing countries. In addition, we hope that the results of the workshop on linkages between technology mechanism and financial mechanism will lead to enhanced mobilization of financial resources to support technology development and transfer.

13. The Group reiterates that adaptation of agriculture to the adverse effects of climate change continues to be the key priority for developing countries for SBSTA work, in light of the particular vulnerabilities of the agriculture sector and its relationship with livelihood, food security and poverty eradication. This is in line with the Paris Agreement, which recognizes the fundamental priority of safeguarding food security and ending hunger, and the particular vulnerabilities of food production systems to the adverse effects of climate change. As well, it is important to recall that the Agreement states in its objective that food production is not to be threatened. We are engaging constructively in informal consultation to continue the consideration of the reports of the first two workshops held at SBSTA42, as well as in its participation in the two workshops mandated for this session. We look forward to discuss the report of the four workshops at SBSTA45, as agreed in Paris, and to continue considering work that will serve to increase the adaptive capacity of agriculture.

Madam President,

14. The Group would like to express our appreciation to the COP Presidencies for their initiative to organize the informal group consultations on issues related to COP22 review of the WIM, and the special event by the Presidencies on issues related to the WIM in the lead up to, and beyond COP22, to provide a platform for Parties to engage in conversation in preparation for the review of the WIM, which is an issue of importance to our Group. Additionally, in order to prepare for the facilitative dialogue to assess the progress in implementing decision 1/CP.19 paragraphs 3 and 4, and to identify relevant opportunities to enhance the provision of financial

resources, the groups reiterate our request to have an early consultation in this session on the modality and scope of work. We also would like to highlight the priority assigned to pre-2020 action as the basis for post-2020 ambitious action. We expect this topic is properly included in the agenda in the next session

15. In moving forward, the Group of 77 and China stresses the need to ensure transparency and inclusiveness. We request that constraint of small delegations should be taken into consideration when scheduling meetings to ensure efficient and meaningful participation. The Group also expects to see substantial progress in the elaboration of the terms of reference for PCCB in the remaining days to prepare solid groundwork for its adoption at COP 22. We urge all Parties to continue working in a collaborative manner and to work expeditiously, especially in APA, to ensure comparable progress in all bodies which is essential for successful preparation for the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and for the convening of CMA1.

16. Thank you.