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Madam Co-Chairs,

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

2. At the outset, the Group would like to thank you, Madam Co-Chairs, and all the facilitators for your hard works during this session of the APA.

3. With the early entry into force of the Paris Agreement, which happened at an unprecedented speed, it is important that the APA sends a positive signal to the international community that work is progressing. The Group reiterates that the delicate balance of all issues we achieved in Paris must be preserved. The Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are a key vehicle to deliver enhanced action under the Paris Agreement to achieve its long term goals on all issues, including mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation.

Madam Co-Chairs,
4. The Group of 77 and China would like to recap some of the points that we made in this session during the past few days.

5. On **further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP. 21**, the Group supports the proposal to hold a roundtable discussion and a call for submissions. We, once again, stress that it should be developed in a flexible manner to accommodate the diversity of NDCs and the national circumstances of developing country Parties, and take into account the nationally determined nature of contributions should be taken into account.

6. On **further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication**, the Group has demonstrated its constructive engagement during the informal consultations bearing in mind that adaptation communication is one important part in the process of implementing the adaptation provisions of the Paris Agreement. We had an interesting discussion about the purpose, possible elements, linkages and flexibility of the adaptation communication. The progress made so far is reflected in the table attached to the co-facilitators' note. The Group understands the table is a basis for the work that will continue in the next session. The Group has advanced its understanding of the positions that include purpose of the adaptation communication, as well as some common elements and the importance of implementing the flexibility of the vehicles as reflected in the Paris Agreement. Parties need this flexibility in order to accommodate different capacities and circumstances of our countries, as well as avoiding generating additional burden for developing countries.

7. On **modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support**, the Group hopes that the agreed next steps as reflected in the informal note are accurately captured in the APA conclusions. We would also like to highlight that balanced progress across all APA agenda items does not necessarily mean equal progress. We are pleased with the good progress made under this agenda item and hope to continue making progress in future sessions. On the agreed next steps, the Group is of the view that the targeted submissions will allow all Parties to express their views on the specific issues identified thus facilitating understanding of our respective positions. We believe that action and support form one cohesive whole, therefore, our work on both halves of the transparency framework must therefore progress together and enabled by the work plan. We look forward to the workshop ahead of the next APA session which will provide us with the opportunity to elaborate on our views and start work on developing the modalities, procedures, and guidelines of the enhanced transparency framework for action and support in a balanced manner. All previous and ongoing processes under the Convention, on transparency of support must inform the work. The Group stands ready to start technical work as soon as possible.

8. On **matters relating to the Global stocktake**, the Group believes that focused submissions ahead of the May 2017 session could contribution to reaching a common understanding on this issue.

9. On **modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance**, the Group welcomes a call for focused submissions ahead of the May 2017 session. We would like to thank the co-facilitators for their guiding questions, but wish

highlight that Parties should be able to put forward their views on any issues or aspects in relation to the operationalization of Article 15 as they deem relevant.

10. On **Adaptation Fund**, the Group reiterates that adaptation funding is essential to enable developing countries to be enabled to cope with the increasing adverse effects of climate change, and to undertake enhanced actions under the Paris Agreement, without excluding enhanced actions of developing country Parties of the Convention and non-Parties of the Paris Agreement. We, therefore, are greatly concerned that preparatory work for the Adaptation Fund to serve the Paris Agreement has been delayed, despite the Group's efforts to address all the concerns raised by the developed country Parties. We hope that further efforts will allow us to progress in the negotiations on this item.

Madam Co-Chairs,

11. The Group of 77 and China would like to reiterate, once again, the importance of accelerating the implementation of pre-2020 commitments and actions, including the ratification of the Doha amendment, and the need to address the significant gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation pledges by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways. This gap should be addressed now rather than later. We also emphasize the importance of implementing and enhancing the provision of finance, technology development and transfer and capacity building support by developed country Parties for developing countries. We look forward to having this issue adequately addressed in the upcoming sessions.

12. In moving forward, we reiterate our call for transparency and inclusiveness. The work of APA should be party-driven and undertaken in a balanced and coherent manner among all issues and and with other bodies.

13. The Group of 77 and China will continue engage actively and constructively in the upcoming months and at the resumed APA session. Thank you.