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Mr. President,
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Ladies and Gentlemen!

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you, Mr. President, on your assumption of the Presidency. I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to the Government and people of Morocco for the hospitality offered to us.

I would like to associate with the statements made by the Kingdom of Thailand on behalf of G77 and China, and Democratic Republic of Congo on behalf of the Least Developed Countries.

Since we have entered a new era in climate responsibilities from Paris Agreement last year, I am pleased to inform you that Nepal has ratified the Agreement.

Mr. President,

Nepal experiences remarkable temperature rise and extreme climate variability despite its negligible share in global green house gas emissions. Climate change has aggravated the poverty by posing additional threats to people and ecosystems. In the context of the country's political transition and ongoing federal restructuring process, we have made strong commitment and initiatives to addressing the accelerated threats of climate change. Policy instruments are in place, including Climate Change Policy and National Adaptation Programme of Action. Institutionally, Climate Change Council under the convenorship of the Prime Minister has been formed at highest level, while local actions are undertaken at grass root levels with the implementation of local adaptation plans.

At present, Nepal is formulating National Adaptation Plan (NAP) in line with national policies and strategies. The government prioritises accessing and managing climate finance, upscaling of renewable energy, building adaptive capacity and resilience and implementing mitigation actions to achieve sustainable development goals. To materialize the essence of Climate Change Policy, we are making every effort to channel more than 80 percent of the climate finance to local level with a dedicated climate change budget code. Nepal has recently started climate change impact survey to document the impacts of climate change and locally appropriate adaptation strategies.

Mr. President,

Like many other parties, Nepal is worried about the slow progress in the full implementation of the Convention in spite of several decisions made during the last two decades. Commitments pledged on various agenda such as easy access to finance, technology transfer and capacity building have not been fully met in the spirit of the Convention and various decisions.

On behalf of Nepalese people, I express solidarity with all the parties for effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement. I urge you all to support landlocked mountainous countries like ours in order to enhance adaptive capacity and build climate-resilient future.

At the end, I reiterate the importance of unified efforts among the parties to tackle the climate change and to implement the decisions and deliberations in the full spirit of the Convention.

Thank you Mr. President!