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Thank you madam Chair.

Delegates, colleagues, friends.

My name is Sandra Guzmán working for the Mexican Centre of Environmental Law and I speak on behalf of the Climate Action Network, representing 500 non-government organisations across the globe.

I take the floor today to remind you all that the world is watching.

The world has not forgotten that for two decades we have failed to reach an agreement that would accelerate firm actions to address and combat climate change. Since 1990 the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has risen, sea levels have ascended, arctic sea ice has melted and millions of people have suffered from the impacts of Climate Change.

In the last few hours here in Cancun you must demonstrate that this process is able to reach agreement and put in place building blocks for an effective international agreement on climate change.

We need to see progress on all elements of negotiation, including commitments and actions that have already been made. We need to acknowledge the gigatonne gap between these and what is needed and establish a pathway to ramp up ambition and close emission loopholes. We need to establish an equitably governed fund for the provision of finance. We need clear progress across technology, capacity building, adaptation and REDD. And we need to see the transparency of all countries efforts raised.

The world is watching and you must not forget that you have the privilege of representing us. You have been sent to listen and act to do the right thing for the planet and its future.

So in this last day of the COP16, we ask you to reach beyond your comfort zone and seize this unique moment in time to leave your mark on history. Civil society wants to return home recognizing the work and the will of the parties to deliver the level of ambition, consensus and commitment that the world needs. Cancun Can. Please do not kill our hopes.

Thank you Madame Chair.