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Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

My name is Sena Auloka from Togo. I am speaking on behalf of the Climate Action Network, a global network of over 500 NGOs.

Cancun needs to deliver a solid foundation towards a fair, ambitious and legally binding agreement in South Africa, that is capable of avoiding the worst impacts of climate change, and that respects the principles of the Convention.

For a successful outcome in Cancun, Parties need to agree a balanced package of measures, which should include the following:

- Each developed country shall agree to develop a 'zero carbon action plan', a long-term strategic plan to decarbonize their economies by 2050
- Each developing country needs to define NAMAs that contribute to sustainable development, moving towards developing a more strategic low carbon and climate –resilient action plan
- MRV and ICA must be developed in a way that recognizes equity and CBDR, but which also acts to ensure environmental integrity, giving transparency to the global effort
- The new Climate Fund should be agreed, including its key substantive elements & processes, and ensuring that the fund is under the authority of the COP
- A roadmap to agreement in COP17 is needed to identify and agree innovative sources of long-term predictable, public climate finance, recognizing the analysis of the AGF.
- Substantial steps forward are also needed on the crucial issues of technology, capacity building, REDD+ and adaptation, avoiding being held hostage to ongoing deadlock.
- Parties need to acknowledge the gigatonne gap & outline a pathway forward to close that gap and agree on a principle based effort sharing approach by Durban.

In addition to the substantive points, Parties needs to agree on a road map and a work plan for 2011 that makes a deal in Durban possible.

Ambition, equity and transparency are all critical to towards a workable climate deal and a livable planet for future generations. Let me commend this challenge to you.