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Thank you Madam Chair,
Distinguished delegates,

I am speaking on behalf of Climate Action Network International, a coalition of more than 400 environmental and development organizations working to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

By Cancun, the LCA track needs to deliver a balanced package of agreements addressing each of the Bali Action Plan building blocks.

In Copenhagen, the LCA negotiating texts on adaptation, technology and REDD+ were well advanced, and agreement should be possible on these issues this year. Additionally, finance, MRV and low carbon development plans need to be among the agreements reached this year.

Adaptation

The adaptation framework for implementation must include a firm link that ensures the provision of regular, reliable and truly additional grant-based finance. Without, it would simply have no teeth. CAN is still worried by the resistance by developed countries to recognise the urgent need that the adaptation framework needs to include an international mechanism to address loss and damage. Do not fail the millions of people for whom adaptation may become impossible and whose livelihoods untenable, e.g. when islands are submerged by sea level rise or freshwater resources disappear permanently.

Technology

Technology negotiations show areas of clear convergence, especially regarding the establishment of a technology mechanism. However, more clarity is required to ensure that it operates within UNFCCC authority and principles. Other areas to be further clarified are the role of regional innovation centres, as well as criteria for MRV for Technology support and actions that may take place outside the UNFCCC mechanism. Parties need to show more flexibility regarding how to address intellectual property, acknowledging the valid concerns of all parties, while focusing on a solution that will preserve incentives for innovation and ensure and expand production of, and access to, climate technologies for mitigation and adaptation.

REDD+

Financial and technological support for REDD+ must be credible, adequate and sustainable in order for the needed global goal to rapidly reduce deforestation to be achievable. Also imperative is for developed country drivers of deforestation to be addressed in the REDD+ agreement.

Finance

We need by Cancun resolution of outstanding questions related to finance governance and institutions to handle scaled up financing, and substantial progress on identifying the scale of financing needs for adaptation and mitigation actions in developing countries and sources able to meet those needs. We also need to assess progress in meeting commitments to short term finance, including guidelines for addressing fulfilment of finance obligations under the UNFCCC, including additionality.

MRV

Gathering and reporting consistent, comparable, and accurate information related to mitigation activities and support is central to the integrity of the climate regime. Thus it is vital that Parties continue discussions on the nature of MRV that is tailored to Parties' differentiated obligations.

CAN urges Parties to develop a process *at this meeting* to elaborate the main issues, and to give the Chair a mandate to develop relevant text for this and future negotiations sessions. Additionally, CAN encourages Parties to give the Chair a mandate to develop text on MRV for this and future negotiations sessions. Parties should additionally consider how to provide capacity building and support to construct and maintain domestic reporting and verification systems in developing countries.

Low- and Zero-Carbon Action Plans

To help build trust between Parties through transparency of action, CAN sees the need for both developed and developing countries (LDCs and SIDS would have the option to opt in or not) to agree, by Cancun, to produce different types of national plans. These plans will show how, respectively, developed countries can follow a path consistent with getting their emissions to near-zero by 2050, and how developing countries can reduce their emissions, with adequate support, in line with the required overall global carbon budget.

Time for action is so short that there is no time to lose, and actions are needed now, in line with the scientific imperative. There is much that can, and must, be progressed at the multi-lateral level this year.

Bonn must build upon progress made to date and define the expectations for a balanced and ambitious outcome in Cancun.