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Climate Action Network-International (CAN-International) is the world's largest network of civil society organizations, with more than 850 members in over 90 countries, working together to promote government action to address the climate crisis.

Thank you, co-chairs for this opportunity. My name is Rixa Schwarz, and I'm speaking for the Climate Action Network. As you are aware from our intervention at the previous Special Roundtable, CAN is calling for a formal process within the UNFCCC to develop an Equity Reference Framework. It embodies the Convention's core equity principles and identifies respective indicators, and thus becomes the framework within which the fairness and adequacy of mitigation and finance commitments can be effectively set and reviewed. We seek working consensus on the Equity Reference Framework by Warsaw.

To respond directly to your question as to how non-state actors can help advance the work of the Parties, we would like you to know that in order to help the Parties develop a shared understanding of what is required of the formal UNFCCC process for equitable effort-sharing, CAN is in parallel investing in an informal process to give us some understanding of what is expected of the UNFCCC formal Equity Reference Framework.

At this stage, CAN is working to develop an informal Equity Reference Framework, to show how a well-defined set of equity indicators can be operationalised in a global effort-sharing regime to:

- a. Establish the global emission-reduction target required for the immediate post-2020 commitment period; and
- b. Set the commitments that meet both this global mitigation target and the associated financing and technology support.

Importantly, the formal Equity Reference Framework must be developed by Parties. CAN's intention, in investing in a parallel informal process, is to help Parties understand what is required in our view to take forward the equity agenda and CAN appeals to Parties to develop their own proposals. This would be in a manner that allows them to pioneer a track to collective post-2020 emissions reductions and the associated finance and technology support for mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage that are adequate and in line with the precautionary principle.

CAN believes that a standardised Equity Reference Framework can guide Parties ex ante as they formulate their commitments to ensure that they are both fair and adequate. Moreover, the framework would be useful ex post to both Parties and Observers as they evaluate commitments in equity-based and science terms, leading us to success in Paris.