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Intervention on the Facilitative dialogue on enhancing ambition and support - Assessing the progress in implementing paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision 1/CP.19
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My name is Nanna Birk from the Women and Gender Constituency. Parties commitments are far below the temperature objectives set in Paris. Current NDCs lead us to an increase of 2.9 to 3.4 degrees in this century. Raising ambition is and should be the central issue of this COP.

Developed countries offer much lower levels of ambition of what they should, while developing countries are much closer to meeting their fair share if they fulfil their most ambitious pledges. That is unacceptable. Developed countries must raise ambition, through both mitigation actions and the provision of finance & technology.

While countries celebrate the entry into force of the Paris agreement, we remind Parties that the Doha Amendment still hasn't been ratified. Action is inevitable. The longer we wait, the harder it will be.

On finance, we repeatedly hear governments saying that they don’t have money to invest in climate change but that’s not true. To take one single example, global military expenditure was $1.6 trillion in 2015, compared to $10 billion USD pledged to the GCF.

Finally, we remind Parties that ambitious and effective climate action is only possible when women’s rights and gender equality are central to mitigation and adaptation actions.

I thank you.