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*Thank you Chair,*

My name is Queensley O. Ajuyakpe from the Women Environmental Programme, Nigeria, and I am speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

The in-session workshop on gender-responsive climate policy has reiterated that climate change and climate policy affect women and men differently. Thus, a gender-responsive climate policy on mitigation, adaptation, capacity building, finance and technology transfer is imperative in sustainable development.

Gender disparities in political power and in access to resources, exist both in developing and developed countries. Disappointingly, the workshop only addressed developing countries, despite the historical responsibility of developed countries to drastically reduce their emissions.

Building on the workshop, parties must:

- Address the root causes of inequalities, eliminate the driving forces that lead to the increase of emissions, and target low carbon development.
- Develop a gender-sensitive approach to mitigation and climate-related technology policies which recognizes human rights.
- Ensure women's participation in the entire cycle of climate responsive technologies, reiterating the importance of developing and transferring environmentally, economically and socially sound technologies to developing countries. This should be guided by technology needs assessments based on the Precautionary Principle and taking into account gender and cultural differences.
- Demand greater recognition and integration of traditional knowledge of women in mitigation and adaptation actions and policies.

Further, capacity building efforts should be carefully structured, country driven, gender sensitive and provide adequate means of implementation.

Finally, continued progress on gender-responsive National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) is fundamental to reducing vulnerability to climate change, especially in developing countries.

We look forward to a just and gender-responsive climate agreement in Paris that is equitable, ambitious and provides us with binding adaptation and mitigation commitments in line with the principles of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR).

Thank You.