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Thank you Chairs

I am Mabel Monica Agba, I speak on behalf of the women and gender constituency. We want to address 3 agenda items of SBI:

This week is very important. We expect a decision from SBI on the **follow-up of the Lima Work Program. Agenda item 16**. We are very pleased that many Parties and groups have made encouraging submissions, with concrete proposals for the continuation of the Lima Work Program, LWP. All Parties have committed to gender equality in all parts of the Paris Agreement, as stated in the Preamble. But, only 1/3 of the Parties have addressed gender in their INDCs, and none of them are from the global North. Therefore, an ambitious follow-up of the Lima Work Program is VERY MUCH NEEDED. The WGC has made a detailed submission, available on the UNFCCC website, which suggests a Gender Climate Action Plan.

**On capacity building, agenda item 14a**, we are encouraged by the reference to gender responsiveness, human rights and indigenous people's knowledge in the draft decision, under section 5.a. We call on all parties to lend their support to this language. Furthermore, the WGC recommends the following steps for gender responsive capacity building:

- baseline gender analysis;
- sex-disaggregated data indicators;
- gender training for men and women at all levels, and;
- consultations with local women and marginalized groups to ensure their priorities are included in the capacity building.

On **agenda item 14c**, under point 19 of the **Terms of References of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB)**, we suggest that parties should provide sufficient public funds for ensuring gender-responsive capacity building, whilst avoiding conflicts of interests with private sector funding.

We also underscore representation of observers from the constituencies, especially women groups, in the PCCB, and the need to financially support their participation.

**Finally**, on agenda item 9 regarding **National Adaptation Plans**, we call on Parties to address the non-economic impacts of climate change, – such as lack of security and autonomy – from which women particularly suffer due to pre-existing inequalities.

We call for specific measures to address climate migrants and Internally Displaced Persons. For example, in my region, West Africa, loss of livelihoods due to sea erosion or desertification has led to displacements in some cases to increased violent conflicts.

Displaced women and children in refugee camps are living in terrible conditions and continue to be exposed to violence and abuse. We call for measures to address human safety, reproductive and mental health and livelihood security.

**I thank you chairs.**