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Thank you Chair. My name is Lisa Göldner and I am speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

We want to begin by congratulating Parties and Observers on the progress made at the in-session workshop towards developing a Gender Action Plan under the UNFCCC. We want to thank Parties for their engagement and welcome initiatives to continue work.

We want to stress that for the Gender Action Plan to be ambitious and comprehensive, it has to reflect that gender equality is a crucial cross-cutting issue in all thematic areas, boards and bodies of the UNFCCC. It therefore needs to be anchored as an action plan informing all UNFCCC workstreams, moving us towards progress on gender-responsive climate policy in developing and developed countries alike as well as on women's full and equal participation in all levels of decision-making. We furthermore urge Parties to make explicit financial commitments to ensure that the Gender Action Plan will be effectively implemented.

Regarding the in-session workshop on opportunities to further enhance the effective engagement of observers, we call on Parties to strengthen the role of civil society groups representing 'rights-holders' such as women, youth, indigenous peoples and workers.

Regarding finance, we are very concerned that the main climate-related funding mechanisms might be funding actions that are not in line with the Paris Agreement and the principles outlined in its preamble. We urge funds like the GCF to close the policy gap and to prioritize quality over quantity funding gender-responsive initiatives that respect the role, rights and needs of women in climate resilience and sustainable development.

Regarding the development and transfer of technologies, and looking at the Paris Committee on Capacity-Building, we welcome the adoption of the PCCB workplan and look forward to contributing gender expertise and training during the planned regional meetings, given the mandate to integrate gender in capacity building for countries.

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