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**Joint closing of the 48th Session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the 48th Session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and (APA 1-5)**

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

We came here hoping that Parties were aware that substantive progress must be made during these sessions, but we leave disappointed with the pace of negotiations. We urge Parties to make better use of their time in Bangkok. People's lives rely on your outcomes.

Raising ambition not only refers to quantitative mitigation measures but also qualitative processes and actions. Foremost it means that the rights of the Preamble of the Paris Agreement— gender equality, rights of indigenous peoples, ecosystem integrity and protection of biodiversity, respecting human rights and intergenerational equity, ensuring food security and just transition as well as public participation - that have become to be known as the great eight - are fully integrated into the Paris Rulebook.

The WGC expected to see completed conclusions on the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform. Now more than ever we expect the will and support of Parties for a robust scheme to operationalization the LCIPP at COP24.

We welcome the progress, participation and discussion in the gender workshop and dialogue. We want to remind parties that gender equality means more than gender balance and includes committing to implementing gender-responsive policies and practices. We also encourage ongoing cooperation between ACE and national gender focal points to ensure coherence of those cross-cutting issues.

The Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture must take into consideration the vulnerability of agriculture to climate change and foremost ensure food sovereignty. In terms of the Suva Expert Dialogue, we strongly call upon Parties to think creatively about paying off the ecological debt and making polluters pay. We see the impacts of climate change already hitting communities, and insurance schemes are neither an adequate nor appropriate solution.

The WGC, speaking on behalf of women all over the world who are on the frontlines of experiencing climate impacts and enacting transformative solutions, will be at Bangkok, Katowice, and every future UNFCCC session we want to remind the world that while advocating for gender and climate justice we will exercise our human rights, including our right to assembly and our right of freedom of speech. Our voices, our ideas, are vital to effectively addressing climate change!

Thank you!