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Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Bridget Burns, speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency, and we take this opportunity to share with Parties some priorities for ADP:

First, we urge Parties to work in the spirit of collective will and ambition in the development of a new climate agreement, an urgent responsibility to combat the disastrous, inequitable and scientifically-evidenced impacts of climate change being felt by women and men, girls and boys around the world.

The Constituency is committed to work towards an effective, equitable and just new agreement that respects the human rights of women and men. In relation to this, the Constituency welcomes Parties calls from the floor at the ADP session in March, including from the LDCs, and the Environmental Integrity Group which highlighted that gender equality should be a fundamental principle of the 2015 agreement. We further welcome this call reiterated in the recent submission of the Africa Group.

The Constituency views this session as an important moment for articulating with Parties how gender equality can be appropriately integrated into the new agreement. Examples from the integration of gender into the Green Climate Fund architecture as well as strong language in the Cancun agreements on human rights and gender equality provide precedents and models to review in considering options. The Constituency members are committed to work and support Parties on this articulation at this sessions.

But gender equality must not be mainstreamed into a polluted stream. Current Party pledges on emissions reduction are not sufficient to close the emission gap. Climate-related funds and mechanisms should be redirected from supporting false solutions like industrial bioenergy and carbon markets to rights-based, holistic, safe, environmentally sustainable, energy-efficient policies and technologies, including in the forest sector, that would benefit women and enhance their resilience while at the same time reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As the new climate agreement is negotiated, it is important to highlight and apply best practices on how to develop gender-sensitive mitigation and adaptive policies, technologies and initiatives.

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