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Thank you Chair,

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

At COP 20, Parties took a decision on advancing the implementation of gender responsive climate policy, launching the Lima Work Programme on Gender. Our Constituency believes that this work programme can support effective and equitable action on climate change. At this session, we look forward to working with Parties for a successful in-session workshop next week on gender-responsive climate policy related to mitigation action and technology development and transfer, which is critically important to the overall new climate agreement.

We were pleased with the variety of submissions already shared by Parties and Observers on this issue, which highlighted a wide range of case studies and best practice across areas such as energy, forest conservation and restoration, sustainable agriculture and transport.

We reiterate the importance of technology transfer to developing countries and any technology transfer should be made accessible to women and build on existing traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples, local communities and women. We also demand greater recognition and integration of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of women in mitigation and adaptation actions and policies.

Additionally, under the SBI, we recognize some progress has been made in the process for National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and that the process to formulate and implement NAPs is fundamental to reducing vulnerability to climate change most especially in developing countries. Moreover, adaptation can only be successfully accomplished by involving those mostly impacted by climate change, therefore it is essential to ensure a gender responsiveness. The Constituency looks forward to further enhancing the ways to communicate and report adaptation needs to the Convention process.

Thank You.