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The report on the workshop on observation of climate change mitigation conducted by GCOS in May 2014 has recommended review of Existing Climate Variables and consider new ECVs to include several mitigation indicators like drivers and agents of change and socio-economic indicators. We recommend the new ECVs to include gender disaggregated data since there is no mention of this in the report.

We hope the proposed workshop on the development of early warning system and contingency plans in relation to extreme weather events is able to highlight differences and differential impact of disasters among men and women, discuss gender explicitly within all areas of policy and help design tools which are low cost and can easily be used by women because as we all know Chair, the reality at the ground is, most of the women in reproductive age as well as older women, tend to stay within the community and will be the ones using these newly developed tools.

We are also happy that SBSTA is holding a workshop on the assessment of risk and vulnerability of agricultural systems to different climate change. Let me just reiterate in this regard Chair that between 60-70% of workforce in agriculture sector in the world over comprises of women most of whom have proven traditional knowledge of climate adaptation. We therefore, call upon SBSTA and Parties to respect, preserve and include the accumulated knowledge of indigenous women and help up-scale it wherever necessary to meet the changing situation.

We sincerely appreciate the Secretariat's initiative to hold a workshop on gender tools and methodologies during the SB42 and hope the outcomes of the workshop will support all areas of the negotiations, including technologies which respect the precautionary principle, are nuclear-free, based on the the needs and benefits of women and men, respecting human rights, enhancing resilience, reducing current and future emissions and facilitating a genuine transformation leading to truly sustainable development and climate protection.