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SBI Opening Intervention
Ms. Franziska Loibl, Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF)

Thank you, Vice-Chair.

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. 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 this week, starting Wednesday at 10am, on gender-responsive climate policy related to adaptation and capacity-building, which has been enshrined in the Paris agreement.

We were pleased with the variety of submissions already shared by Parties and Observers on this issue- the Environmental Integrity Group underlined its support to the next phase of the Lima Work Program on Gender in its opening intervention. We welcome the priority of the French and Moroccan Presidencies for gender as core to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, as expressed yesterday by Mrs Tubiana. In particular, we welcome the ideas for taking forward the next steps under this Work Programme in Marrakech, aiming to enhance the linkages to nationally determined contributions and national communications.

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, all of which should adhere to the guiding concepts of affordability, safety and appropriateness. We demand greater recognition and integration of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of women in mitigation and adaptation actions and policies. And all of this will be best achieved with financial support of developed countries as agreed in Paris.