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**Opening Statement for the SBSTA 41**

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Thank you Mister Chairman.

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the AILAC group of countries.
2. I would like to associate with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the G77 and China.

Mister Chairman,

1. AILAC stands ready to support you and to work constructively with other parties for delivering the results of our work.
2. We have had an ambitious agenda under the SBSTA this year. Our work on scientific and technical issues under SBSTA is the key foundation of the climate regime; progress in these areas is necessary to lay the basis for a successful climate action at the national and international level.
3. On issues related to the development and transfer of technology, AILAC stresses that adequate funding should be provided for technology transfer and development, including for mitigation, adaptation and low-emission development strategies. In particular, reducing vulnerability and building resilience requires important progress in the adoption of technology. The technology integration approach and the elaboration of technology roadmaps related to adaptation and linked to the NAP process will be essential, and can be a good space to focus the efforts of the TEC and CTCN.
4. AILAC is convinced that the contribution of REDD+ to global climate change mitigation efforts is substantial and can be enhanced. Significant progress was made at the Warsaw COP in relation to the modalities for operationalizing REDD+. Our conclusions in Lima continue to provide further guidance on ensuring transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness to REDD+ activities, and advance the discussions on the co-benefits and non-market approaches to REDD+.

Mister Chairman,

1. On the issue of the 2013-2015 Review, AILAC considers that the Structured Expert Dialogue must facilitate a robust, science-based review of the temperature goal, and we look forward to conclusions in Lima that will have a positive impact on the level of ambition in the 2015 agreement. We must use the latest results of the IPCC Assessment Report to drive these discussions forward.
2. In Lima, we must make progress in giving the new Warsaw Mechanism on Loss and Damage a robust framework for its activities. The SBSTA has an important role to play in making this mechanism operational and effective. In Lima we must adopt the initial two-year work plan so that action can begin as soon as possible.
3. All the issues related to the KP are fundamentally important for AILAC. The implementation agenda has, at its core, the full implementation of the first and second commitment periods of the KP. AILAC would like to stress the urgent need for all countries, in particular all developed countries, to urgently ratify the Doha amendment to the KP.

Mister Chairman,

1. Lima also presents an opportunity to continue advancing on the framework for various approaches, as well as the new market mechanism and non-market approaches. We should use the information included in the technical papers on all three issues to move the discussions forward, especially as we near the adoption of the 2015 agreement. It is important that we have to Paris with a clear and common understanding in Paris of the tools and standards that we need to allow parties to undertake ambitious and environmentally robust commitments using market and non-market approaches.
2. AILAC also stresses the need for meaningful conclusions under the work program on the clarification of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties. It is important that the SBI conclusions identify concrete elements that developing country Parties should use to measure their progress and enhance the comparability of their efforts. We must decide here in Lima on the best way to take this important work forward.
3. Mister Chairman, AILAC stands ready to start working immediately, and to recommend conclusions that further an effective, ambitious and rules-based implementation of the Convention at all levels.

Thank you.