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Notwithstanding the importance to establish other spin-off groups under the AWG-LCA, we would like to submit the following specific views in relation to Economic and Social consequences of Response Measures.

On this issue, we must continue discussions on this element of the Bali Action Plan, and to have a spin off group, due to the following reasons:

- 1) We have a mandate to reach an agreed outcome from the Bali Action Plan to enhance the full, effective, sustained implementation of the Convention, including in relation to economic and social consequences of response measures
- 2) CRP. 39 contains a section on economic and social consequences of response measures, and the previous LCA Chair has made it clear in that paper that response measures are among the unresolved areas in which continued discussions will take place this year.
- 3) The proposals in CRP 39 on economic and social consequences of response measures are still on the table. They were not adequately discussed in Durban among the Parties, and they were taken for consideration at Ministerial level, but not adequately addressed. As this is a party -driven process, we need to have a discussion among Parties on this issue in the AWG-LCA.
- 4) The AWG-LCA is the negotiating group to establish political parameters to enhance the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention, in accordance with the Bali Action Plan. The Forum has a specific mandate to improve the understanding of economic and social consequences through the implementation of a work programme, and not for negotiations.
- 5) The response measures are taken with the primary objective to combat climate change, and therefore, this relates to the UNFCCC, the fora for climate change-related issues. In this sense, we need to continue addressing in the AWGLCA unilateral response measures that may have consequences on economic and social development of developing countries.
- 6) The issue of economic and social consequences of response measures has social dimensions that we need to further discuss and establish further parameters in the AWGLCA, as the just transition of the workforce, the creation of decent work and quality jobs in the context of climate change.

Finally, we want to carry our work forward, and there is a mandate to form a spin off group to discuss the unresolved issues under economic and social consequences of response measures. Clear timelines must be ensured to make progress , so we can reach an agreement in Doha on this key issue for developing countries.