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YOUTH CONSTITUENCY (YOUNGO) INTERVENTION

Thank you Mr. Co-Chair,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues,

My name is Leslie Tourneville and I have the privilege today to speak on behalf of the youth constituency, YOUNGO.

First, the Youth would like to express our thanks to you, Mr Co-Chair, for always taking the time out of your extremely busy schedules to give observer organizations and civil society a chance to participate, share our views, and being listened.

One week from now, the final Synthesis Report of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) will be released and will reaffirm, with even more urgency and extreme gravity, that the currently observed world changes are unprecedented and already **beyond repair**.

As we begin this session of the ADP, we are mindful of the little time remaining for Parties to complete the work prior to Lima. We all know the steps and deadlines: the climate window is closing before our eyes. Consequently, the Youth believes that the work of this session needs result in substantive progress for a negotiating text. Business as usual, and negotiations as usual, are not viable options : we know how to do much better.

The Youth would like to focus in this session on the urgency of the issue of intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs). The INDCs of today will be pledges of tomorrow.

They must constitute the highest levels of ambition that all Parties can possibly commit to.

Mr. Co-Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The Youth is encouraged by the many positive announcements that have been made since the previous ADP, during the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon's Climate Summit in September. We hope and ask you to keep up and increase this great momentum.

We urge you to consider that your decisions here at this ADP session will contribute to seal the fate for the millions of young people around the world, and the billions of human beings to come. We implore you to keep an open mind, when collectively reading the draft decisions, and find innovative ways to enrich this draft.

Thank you Mr. Co-Chair and Distinguished Delegates.