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Thank you Mr Chairman for giving me the opportunity to update delegates on the work of the IPCC.

I may recall that in October last year the IPCC released its Synthesis Report that concluded the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the IPCC. The Fifth Assessment Report tells policymakers what the scientific community knows about the scientific basis of climate change, its impacts and future risks, and options for adaptation and mitigation.

The key findings of the Synthesis Report confirm that:

- Firstly - Human influence on the climate system is clear;
- Secondly - The more we disrupt our climate the more we risk severe and irreversible impacts; and
- Thirdly - We have the means to limit climate change and to build a more prosperous and sustainable future.

Since the Fifth Assessment Report has been released we have been going around the world to disseminate its important findings. Outreach events were organized in Nairobi, Kenya (Feb. 2015); Arusha, Tanzania (Feb. 2015), Rabat, Morocco (May 2015) and will be held in Cuba (July 2015) and Mexico (August 2015). More outreach events are being planned, especially in developing countries.

The report, compiled by hundreds of scientists, is the most comprehensive assessment of climate change ever undertaken. It was released at a critical stage of the discussions and negotiations under the Convention and a

series of presentations were given to Convention bodies including SBSTA and the Structured Expert Dialogue. We hope that the findings of the AR5 will continue to inform the activities of the Subsidiary Bodies and various work streams under the Convention, and make a contribution to the deliberations towards a global agreement in Paris this year to limit climate change.

Furthermore the IPCC at its last Panel Session in February this year has taken a number of decisions to prepare for the next cycle of reports, which will be initiated by elections for a new Chair and Bureau at the next Panel Session to be held in October 2015 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. At the last Panel Session a wide range of issues were addressed to enhance the timing and quality of IPCC reports, and to involve developing countries more closely in its work.

The IPCC already started preparations for the next assessment cycle by organizing a number of Expert Meetings (EMs), such as the EM on Scenarios at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Laxenburg, Austria (May 2015), where new socio-economic scenarios were discussed as tools for climate research. These scenarios would allow a more integrated assessment of mitigation, adaptation, and climate change impacts across the entirety of future IPCC work. Another Expert Meeting was held in Dublin, Ireland (May 2015) on Climate Change, Food and Agriculture.

We are very pleased that there will be a number of IPCC Bureau members present at this Conference to provide you with detailed information about the Fifth Assessment Report and other IPCC reports.

- Tomorrow (June 2<sup>nd</sup>) we have two Co-Chairs participating in the special event of SBSTA and SBI on the Structured Expert Dialogue report; and
- On June 4<sup>th</sup> one of our Co-Chairs will make a presentation at the Research Dialogue (RD-7) which will focus on information gaps in the AR5 ;  
furthermore

- That same day our Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) will organize a side event on the Technical Assessment of the IPCC Inventory Guidelines, based on information received from a questionnaire survey.

I hope that you will be able to participate in many events.

Thank you Mr Chairman.