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Closing statement by Nepal on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group
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Chair and distinguished delegates,

Nepal has the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 48 Least Developed Countries. I would like to associate my statement to the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of G77 and China.

The LDC Group believe that after adoption of Warsaw Framework on REDD+, it is now time for provision of support to enable countries enters into full implementation of REDD+ activities.

As LDCs are already the victims of climate change impacts, we cannot afford to take further risk. As evidenced by the IPCC AR5, the LDC's are proposing that the threshold for limiting the average temperature rise below 1.5 °C compared to pre-industrial level is essential to limit "dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system".

The LDC Group note that the Structured Expert Dialogue demonstrated the technical feasibility of achieving the 1.5 °C target. Based on the findings of the Structured Expert Dialogue, we are requesting immediate reductions in global emissions of greenhouse gases, and immediate investment in technologies which would create negative emission trajectories. We suggest, the IPCC takes into account this level in its next report.

We believe that safeguards contained in the Cancun decision are simple, country driven and yet broader enough to generate necessary information according to national circumstance and respective capacities. Additionally the experience gained through the readiness phase are adequate for now to support countries in the implement the REDD+ activities.

LDCs believe that additional guidance on REDD+ safeguards information system (SIS) are not necessary unless there are concrete REDD+ activities on the ground. The LDC Group express its dissatisfaction for not reaching to a conclusion in this matter.

The LDCs Group underscore the need, as soon as possible, to address drivers of deforestation and non-carbon benefits in a manner that improves livelihoods of forest dependent communities and supports sustainable development objectives and goals of developing countries.

On matters related to Loss and Damage, the group appreciates the work of the Interim Executive Committee. With regards to the composition of the Executive Committee, the group expresses its appreciation for some flexibility shown by

partners. We expect a fruitful decision on this important agenda item, at this session, here at Lima.

We welcome the activities being undertaken by the Adaptation committee to further enhance its activities. We also acknowledge the work of the Nairobi Work Programme in generating scientific knowledge and its dissemination.

The LDC Group welcomes the conclusions regarding review guidelines related to biennial reports, national communications and greenhouse gas inventories.

Chair, we thank you for the work you conducted during this session.