

## **Panama on Behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations**

### **COALITION FOR RAINFOREST NATIONS STATEMENT SBSTA41 CLOSING**

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Panama has the honor to speak on behalf of the 52 countries of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, those following have endorsed this statement: *Bangladesh, Belize, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Congo, Solomon Islands, Togo, and Uganda.*

Mr. Chairman, we support the statement made by the distinguished delegate from Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman, the Warsaw REDD+ Framework adopted last year successfully completed many years of negotiations. What rainforest nations need now to start REDD+ implementation on the ground is scaled up, coherent and more equitable distribution of finance.

Despite the fact that SBSTA did not conclude its consideration on safeguards and non market based approaches for REDD+ here in Lima, we are confident Parties will be able to get to a compromise in the next session.

On safeguards, our Coalition believes that no further guidance is needed since rules are clear and complete. Parties must now implement such existing guidance, taking into account national capacities and capabilities, as well as national consultation processes.

On this matter, Parties would benefit from sharing experiences related to the summary of information on how safeguards are respected and addressed by developing country Parties when implementing REDD+ activities. Our Coalition believes the Warsaw REDD+ Framework Coordination of Support can offer the space and opportunity for such discussions, with the aim to assess gaps and capacity needs.

Mr. Chair, on market and non-market mechanisms under the Convention our Coalition has engaged constructively during this week in order to fulfill our mandate. We came to Lima with expectations after our discussions in SBSTA 40.

Unfortunately no decision could be reached during this week and rule 16 was applied for the second time consecutively. Our Coalition regrets this outcome and reiterates its interest to continue the discussion at SBSTA 42 with the view to agree on a COP decision on the matter in Paris.

Finally Mr. Chairman, we would like to congratulate for your work and guidance provided here in this week.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.