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Submission of views on Area (a) - Sharing information and expertise, including reporting and prompting understanding of positive and negative impacts of response measures

Saudi Arabia welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the above specific thematic area of the work program of the forum on the impacts of the implementation of response measures.

The forum on the impacts of the implementation of response measures a dedicated platform for interaction to develop ideas and joint action. The new forum will improve understanding of this important issue to the developing countries and assist them in understanding the scope of the adverse impacts associated with climate change mitigation actions. Saudi Arabia looks forward to continuing to build on these efforts and believes that all Parties should utilize this platform as means to avoid or at the very least minimize those impacts in the developing countries.

The mission of the forum is to enhance understanding of the social and economic impacts of the implementation of response measures through stimulating research activities in a structured manner that will include collaborative efforts to facilitate understanding of such impacts, with a view to minimizing the adverse consequences of those impacts on developing countries.

We expect the forum to fully engage stakeholders in concrete and in-depth discussions on sharing information and expertise, including reporting and prompting understanding of the impacts of response measures, and bring forward common views and issues to the attention of the Subsidiary Bodies.

The above thematic area should examine the impacts of the mitigation policies on different economic sectors and social groups; explore current reporting methodologies and data, lessons learned, gaps and uncertainties in assessment approaches at different levels, and existing relevant work and literature. The session should further explore alternative policies and implementation approaches that have lower negative impacts on developing countries while achieving the desired mitigation target at the same or lesser cost for the abating coalition; as well as complementary/additional policies that avoid/minimize any potential and actual consequences of climate change mitigation actions on developing countries. Further, the session should also discuss adaptive initiatives to assist the developing countries cope with the unavoidable adverse effects of the mitigation actions, including measures to boost economic

diversification efforts. We expect the discussions to provoke thoughts to explore optimum ways of moving forward.

Parties and relevant organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to share their views on exploring and considering establishing a set of possible approaches and potential mechanisms, including an international mechanism, for managing and reducing social and economic risks of response measures and improving short-term and long-term resilience, with a view to making recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.