

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

The EIG supports the statement made by Brazil [and other countries]

From our perspective, the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ provides all the methodological guidance required in order to implement REDD+.

We agree with the statement made from Brazil that there is no added value in continuing this agenda item. We should now focus on the implementation of the Warsaw Framework, instead of continue indefinitely developing further technical requirements that could in fact delay the implementation of REDD+ activities.

In the case of non-carbon benefits and alternative policy approaches, we recognize that these issues are very important and in fact encompass issues larger than REDD-plus and link to the ongoing work mandated to other conventions and processes.

We share the view that forests provide both adaptation and mitigation benefits. We also see the linkages of non-carbon benefits and alternative non-market policy approaches. And due to the importance of these issues we request the guidance of the chairs on ways forward that would permit us to address these topics outside of agenda item 5.

For these reasons, we also invite all parties to consider the conclusion of SBSTA agenda item 5 in our next session.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.