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COALITION FOR RAINFOREST NATIONS OPENING STATEMENT TO SBI39

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

PNG has the honor to speak on behalf of the 52 countries of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, of which the following have endorsed this statement:
Bangladesh, Belize, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Kenya, Laos PDR, Liberia, Nigeria, Panama, Republic of Congo, Solomon Islands, Togo, and Uganda.

First of all, Mr Chairman, allow me to join with others in expressing solidarity with the people of the Phillipines as they endure yet another impact of climate change, and wish them the very best in their recovery efforts.

Mr. Chairman, at the outset we would like to associate ourselves with the statement made by the distinguished delegate of Fiji, on behalf of the group of 77 and China.

Indeed, we share the same happiness and relief with respect to the fact that the SBI started its work smoothly this session.

Mr. Chairman, many important elements are pending under this body, including the SBI/SBSTA joint process on the coordination of finance and support for REDD+ actions.

This is a matter of extreme importance for our Coalition and we urge you to allow Parties the time and space to start engaging in open and transparent discussions on this issue. This process is vital for REDD+ implementation to start properly in developing countries.

Mr. Chairman, the time lost in Bonn was very precious for rainforest nations that desperately need to advance the discussion on the availability and disbursement of financial and technical resources for REDD+ actions.

Mr. Chairman, we believe that one result of Warsaw should be a full package of decisions including the technical, financial and governance aspects of REDD+. Therefore, we urge you to initiate the work of the joint SBI/SBSTA process immediately.

Mr. Chairman, as usual, we are ready to work and engage with all Parties with the view to advance the important work of this body.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.