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Mr. Chair, distinguished colleagues,

This statement is on behalf of the EU and its 28 Member States.

Over the last week, the SBI has made substantive progress on a range of agenda items. We welcome the constructive atmosphere and discussions that have allowed us to reach agreement on relevant items in effectively implementing decisions taken, and agreements found, among us under the SBI.

We are happy to note the positive progress made especially in the following areas:

On adaptation we made tangible progress in enhancing implementation most notably regarding the Adaptation Fund, the Adaptation Committee and the national adaptation plan process.

Also the Parties have agreed on the most important aspects in the area of Development and Transfer of Technology and the Implementation of the Technology Mechanism. The new Climate Technology Centre and Network will soon become fully operational.

Unfortunately Parties have not been able to approve the joint annual report of the TEC and CTCN. We strongly encourage all parties to contribute to achieving a desirable outcome.

We welcome the progress we have made under the SBI on the matters relating to the KP mechanisms. We note that the review of the JI guidelines is promising to strengthen the environmental integrity of the mechanism substantially. We expect that regarding the review of the CDM rules, further progress can be achieved next year.

We also welcome that we were finally able to come to an agreement on the design of the ICA process and on the new mandate for the Consultative Group of Experts after long and intense discussions. Both issues are of high relevance in order to provide efficient and practical support for developing countries for their Biennial Update Reports.

On loss and damage with regard to the establishment of institutional arrangements the EU recognises the importance for arriving at an outcome as were mandated to in Doha. Our experts have been working very hard to chart a way forward that will see us deliver on this mandate. While they are not ready to present the SBI with a decision to recommend to the COP on substance, we remain committed to work as hard as possible with all Parties to complete our work.

We also have had fruitful discussions in the context of further understanding the diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions. The workshop has been a very good exchange of experiences and it has shown that Parties are undertaking serious national efforts. Further focus for next year has been agreed, but we regret we were not able to agree on a process to invite parties Submissions in a structured manner next year.

On Response Measures the EU was determined to reach a substantive agreement on this issue under the subsidiary bodies, and we were open to try numerous approaches to reaching an outcome that would be agreeable to all. We too are disappointed by the limited progress that was made on this agenda item over the past week.

The EU is also disappointed that a small, technical agenda item to agree on a date for completion of the review process under Article 8 for the final year of the first commitment period was turned by other Parties into a highly political issue. Coming to Warsaw, we stressed the urgency to complete the rules set for the second commitment period. The EU is disappointed that some Parties still try to re-open the rules set for the first commitment period and try to endanger the integrity of the expert review process. We should not move the goalposts as we are approaching the finishing line of the first commitment period.

Finally we regret that agreement was not found on the future budget for the biennium. Enabling the Secretariat to undertake work in the implementation of our agreements and decisions is of crucial importance for the functioning of our process including work on MRV.

Mr. Chair, the EU wishes to thank you for your great efforts in steering the SBI discussions.

Distinguished colleagues, thank you for your constructive discussions in the spirit of understanding of common better future.