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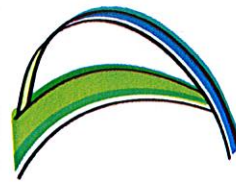
Excellency,

AILAC presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and has the honor to refer to the closing plenary of the Thirtieth Conference of the Parties (COP30), held in Belém, Brazil, on November 22nd.

AILAC wishes to formally place on record its profound concern regarding the manner in which several draft decisions were adopted during the final plenary. Despite repeated requests by Colombia and Panama, their interventions or points of order were neither granted nor acknowledged before the decisions were gavelled. At no time did the Presidency verify—visually or procedurally—whether Parties had objections or pending requests to speak prior to declaring the decisions adopted.

AILAC respectfully recalls that the UNFCCC process is Party-driven, and that transparency, inclusiveness, and procedural integrity are foundational to the legitimacy of outcomes adopted by consensus and to their effective implementation. The circumstances observed in Belém, similar to those previously experienced in the context of the NCQG discussions in Baku 2024, risk undermining confidence in the process and setting up a regrettable precedent.

In this regard, AILAC reiterates the importance of ensuring full clarity, application and enforcement of the draft Rules of Procedure—particularly



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Rules 23 and 34—so that Parties may effectively exercise their right to intervene, raise points of order, and object to draft decisions prior to their adoption.

- **Rule 23:** *In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon the President elsewhere by these rules, the President shall declare the opening and closing of the session, preside at the meetings of the session, ensure the observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The President shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat.*
- **Rule 34:** *During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order which shall be decided immediately by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be put to the vote immediately and the ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the Parties present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.*

AILAC also requests that, in future plenaries, the Secretariat guarantee that the list of Parties requesting the floor be displayed in real time and made visible to all delegations, thereby safeguarding and improving transparency and due process. We believe that the development of a document on good practices for Presiding Officers could offer the opportunity to avoid these situations in the future, particularly with respect to the confirmation that there is clear consensus in the plenary before gaveling decisions.

AILAC remains fully committed to constructive multilateral engagement, to the principles and objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and to the urgent pursuit of ambitious, just, and equitable climate action. However, it firmly considers that procedural integrity—**grounded in the principle of good faith cooperation among Parties—is essential for the effective implementation of all provisions and**, therefore, indispensable for sustaining trust and ensuring the legitimacy of negotiated outcomes.



AILAC requests that this communication be duly reflected in the official records of COP30 and that the Secretariat take appropriate measures to prevent the recurrence of such situations in future sessions.

AILAC renews to the UNFCCC Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration and esteem.

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