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Statement by the Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts

- Thank you, Madame Chair.
- On behalf of the **Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)**, I have the honor to report to the SBI on its work.
- At the first meeting this year, based on the revised TOR, which was agreed in Glasgow last year, the CGE started its work.
- The CGE updated its vision, mission and strategic objectives to guide its work, keeping the long-term needs and priorities of developing countries, as they implement the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and to prepare for transitioning to the ETF under the Paris Agreement.
- The CGE is fully committed to assisting developing countries on their important journeys. The CGE recognizes that all developing countries are at different starting points, and they needed to be provided with technical support that enables them to meet their requirements as a Party to the Paris Agreement.
- The CGE, with this view, developed its workplan, which is successfully implemented.
- This resulted in:
 - Reaching **197 experts**, through its webinars on “How climate transparency arrangements matter at the national level?”
 - Training **51 national experts** through the regional hands-on training workshop, on tracking progress of NDCs under the ETF

for the Asia-Pacific and Eastern European region. Workshops for the Africa and Latin American and Caribbean regions are planned for December;

- Continuing its work on building sustainable institutional arrangements by providing two new case stories, three interview videos and two animation videos;
 - Continuing the e-learning programme on national communications;
 - Continuing to offer the training programme on the technical analysis of biennial update reports to experts on the UNFCCC roster of experts;
 - Undertaking targeted analytical work, such as compiling and summarizing problems, constraints, lessons learned and capacity-building needs in relation to developing country Parties' reporting;
 - Increasing awareness of CGE activities among stakeholders that are actively engaged in providing support to developing country Parties in the area of MRV and transparency, through special events on the margins of the UN climate Change conferences, regional climate week, as well as through its website and interactive online platform.
- In closing, the CGE looks forward to guidance from the SBI for the technical support it provides to developing countries to be able to implement the ETF.
 - Thank you.