

Dear excellencies, distinguished colleagues, my name is Vi Bui from Vietnam, and I have the privilege of delivering this statement on behalf of ECOS, the Education, Communication, and Outreach Stakeholders Informal Group of the UNFCCC.

We believe that Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) is an essential means of implementation for both the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as the six elements of ACE: Education, Training, Public Participation, Awareness Raising, Access to Information, and International Cooperation on these matters are tools which we need to use across of all aspects of climate action, especially mitigation and adaptation.

Regarding COP29, we appreciated the efforts by all parties to reach an agreement at this session which will enhance our progress in ACE. The expanded call for submissions to the annual summary report for ACE now includes challenges related to financial and technical support for ACE implementation. This is an important step toward the midterm review for ACE that will happen in 2026, because we still have a chronic gap in the availability and accessibility of financial resources for ACE, as well as a gap in institutional support, both of which we must resolve in order to unlock the full potential for ACE and climate action.

As a community of experts and practitioners for ACE implementation, ECOS is always ready to assist parties and other stakeholders in working on these matters, and we warmly invite all colleagues to join us in these efforts, as we continue toward our shared goals of ACE implementation.

We thank you.

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