G77 and China Statement for GST Informal Consultations: Draft Informal Note with No Formal Status from the Co-Facilitators 10 June 2021

- 1. The Republic of Guinea is speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
- 2. Thank you, Co-facilitators, for the draft informal note. We have carefully considered it in light of what the Group has stated at the outset of this session in relation to the SB Chairs' intention to informally capture progress in the form of informal written output on their own responsibility. We would like to stress that these should reflect all views, inputs, and positions by Parties in a transparent and inclusive manner; this is particularly important given our current virtual mode of work. The G77 and China would like to reiterate that such outputs have no formal status, are prepared under the responsibility of the Chairs, and do not prejudge any eventual outcomes
- 3. In this context, we note the narrative description in the draft informal note of the discussions we had this week during the informal consultations with respect to the list of sources of inputs and how to consider the submissions referred to in paragraph 37(i) of decision 19/CMA.1. The Group had put forward its views on both issues, which are now on the UNFCCC website.
- 4. Going to the proposed elements, we would like to make the following observations and suggestions for your consideration:
 - On the first bullet point of the proposed elements, to more accurately reflect the various views expressed during our informal consultations, we would suggest this formulation:

"Noting the wide range of views expressed, recognize that the existing nonexhaustive list in paragraph 37, decision 19/CMA.1, is sufficiently comprehensive and provides a good basis for the first global stocktake, including the indications of further areas of focus and approaches for the consideration of inputs to be considered in light of the purpose of the GST."

For greater clarity, our suggestion above clarifies that the further areas of focus and approaches for the consideration of inputs that have been indicated should be considered as falling within the existing non-exhaustive list.

In addition, we would suggest that a footnote linking to the list of Parties' submissions on this topic on the UNFCCC website be provided after the phrase "wide range of views expressed."

• On the third bullet point of the proposed elements, we would suggest that a footnote to the list of submissions by Parties on this topic on the UNFCCC website be added to that paragraph.

- 5. Finally, to further ensure that the informal note does accurately and factually capture and reflect the views of Parties, we would also suggest an additional bullet point in the proposed elements as follows:
 - "Noting the views expressed by various Parties for support to be provided to developing country Parties pursuant to paragraph 12, decision 19/CMA.1, and for the UNFCCC Secretariat to be provided with resources to assist non-Party stakeholders and UNFCCC observer organizations from developing countries to provide inputs pursuant to paragraph 37(i), decision 19/CMA.1."

In addition, we would suggest that a footnote linking to the list of Parties' submissions on the UNFCCC website be provided after proposed paragraph.