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Mr. Tosi Mpanu Mpanue
Chair, UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

Mme. Patricia Espinosa
Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

Subject: Response Measures and KCI

Dear Mme. Karlsen, Mr. Mpanu Mpanu, and Mme. Espinosa,

On behalf of the Group of the G77 & China, I would like to highlight to you our concern with regards to the progress of the Response Measures agenda and the unequal time allocation this agenda item has received.

Following the adoption of the decision on Response Measures and the KCI 6 years workplan in COP 25, multiple activities that were mandated for 2020 were not undertaken, and some were partially considered. Moreover, the KCI is mandated to conduct two meetings a year; however, only one meeting was conducted in 2020. Further consideration of this delay and its impact on the progress of the Response Measures agenda should be considered. So far, only one event is planned by SBSTA Chair in preparation to COP 26, although Response Measures is a joined agenda under SBSTA and SBI. The agenda item certainly requires more time allocation and we are seeking your kind consideration for this to be reflected in upcoming consultations and in the virtual sessions planned from May 31 to June 17.

We believe it is important to ensure a balance across all agenda items and ensure all Parties priorities and concerns are addressed. We trust your consideration of those challenges, and we appreciate reflecting this in upcoming consultations and meetings.

Chairs, we are highly appreciative of your leadership and we are committed to work with all Parties to overcome challenges.

Sincerely,
Albara Tawfiq
Coordinator of G77 & China on Response Measures