

(DRAFT) STATEMENT OF ALGERIA ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB GROUP AT THE CLOSING PLENARY OF THE TECHNICAL DIALOGUE UNDER THE 1ST GLOBAL STOCKTAKE

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**CFs,
Distinguished colleagues,**

Algeria has the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Arab Group.

Our Group would like align itself with the statement delivered by Pakistan on behalf of the G77+China, and support the statements delivered by the KSA on behalf of the LMDC, and Zambia on behalf of the AGN.

CFs,

At the outset, we would like to thank you very much for the efforts you have made during the technical work. Our thanks are also extended to the moderators, the resource persons, the volunteers, the secretariat, and those who have been involved in the preparation of the related process. We had a good exchange of views about several aspects related to the manner how to assess and bridge the implementation gaps concerning the PA.

In this regard, our Group thinks that the technical work has to be more structured, both under the RTs and the World Café. This will provide more space for Parties and other stakeholders to reflect and discuss issues under the technical dialogue agenda. We do support yesterday's suggestions, made by some participants during the last RT for making the experts' presentations available in advance to get participants well prepared for future discussions.

Our Group was ready to share some elements on difficulties, and obstacles preventing the fulfillment of Parties' obligations under the PA, but, unfortunately, the opportunity was not given because of the lack of time.

For these reasons, we strongly support(s) the idea put forward by the G77+China suggesting an assessment of the contribution of the format followed through the technical work to the aim of the GST and adjusting them as needed.

Hence, as said by the distinguished representative of the G77+China, the foundation of the technical work under the GST has to be enlarged to information, studies, and analyses coming from other organizations which are relevant to the assessment of the collective progress in terms of implementing of the PA and the related decisions.

CFs,

We would like also to share our expectations for the next technical dialogue. The Arab Group is of the view that the GST has to reflect further on the manner to operationalize equity and just transition to carbon-neutral production and consumption modes. These principles have to be contextualized in a balanced manner by referring to the Convention and its PA, having in mind the principle of CDDRRC and Parties' national circumstances. Hence, we have to reflect on the manner to apply the principle of equitable sharing of the remaining carbon budget in a concrete manner. We do share, in this regard, the view expressed by India, yesterday, stating that access to

the remaining carbon budget is not only about mitigation, but has to be materialized in relation to other aspects, namely adaptation to the negative impacts of CC and the provision of support to DCP. Also, the Arab Group recall its yesterday's proposal to focus the reflection on the equitable sharing of the remaining carbon budget on regional aspects. We do believe that this kind of analysis would provide a sharper idea about the gaps, constraints, and obstacles to reaching the objectives set out by Article 2 of the PA, following equity and the best available science.

Then, the work of the GST needs to focus on the identification of aspects related to the enhancement of experience-sharing on actions with high mitigation potential, on data-management systems leading to the development of assumptions and projections taking into consideration the regional, and national contexts, including socio-economic aspects, the attainment of SDG and the Parties' NDCs.

The GST has also to analyze further the socioeconomic consequences of climate policies and actions, as well as those related to global warming, especially on local communities and ecosystems.

CFs,

The Arab region has some specific needs in terms of implementing the PA. With your indulgence, we would like to enumerate swiftly. This concerns particularly:

- The legal frameworks adopted and the institutional arrangements put in place to support the formulation and the implementation of the PA commitments;
- The planning processes to reach the NDCs, the LTDS, and the NAPs objectives;
- The articulation of the role of the private sector, as well as the other no-State actors in a manner that is consistent with the Parties' commitments under the PA;
- Regional cooperation and which initiatives could be developed with regards to mitigating climate change and adapting to its negative impacts;
- The access to climate-neutral technologies. Adapted technological solutions remain central for fulfilling Parties' NDCs, in a manner that is consistent with the objectives of the PA, but also the SDGs;
- The data collection and analysis systems. Data coming from all relevant actors and stakeholders remains essential for making Parties' NDCs and NAPs sharper;
- The design and implementation of early warning systems, adapted to the reality on the ground, in order to prevent and effectively combat climatic hazards;
- The enhancement of institutional and human capacities to formulate concrete projects to tackle climate change and its negative impacts, including the socio-economic consequences of changing climate;
- The strengthening of national capacities to access to climate finance.

Finally, The Arab Group would like to remind the fact that our work is not starting from scratch. The assessment of the collective progress has to go beyond the purpose of the Paris Agreement, by linking our work to what is ongoing and has been achieved under the Convention, which remains a critical instrument guiding the global efforts to tackle climate change and its negative impacts.

Thank you very much.