

Thank you very much CFs.

Algeria has the honor to take the floor on behalf of the Arab Group.

At the outset, we congratulate you for your assignment as CFs for conducting the technical work under the 1<sup>st</sup> GST.

Our Group supports the statements made by Pakistan on behalf of the G77+China, the KSA on behalf of the LMDC and by Zambia on behalf of the AGN.

CFs, we welcome the opportunity given to us to exchange on the manner to conduct the technical dialogue. In this regard, we do understand that the approach you put forward through the information note of May 2<sup>nd</sup> is a part of a learning by doing process, but we need to stress some principles that should be followed when conducting our work.

This latter has to be Party-driven, transparent, inclusive and conducted in a comprehensive and facilitative manner. For this reason, the Arab Group requests more space for discussion to allow every delegation to provide its views and express its concerns with regard to the issues to be addressed under the technical dialogue, especially during the roundtables and the “World Café”.

The Arab Group would like to take this opportunity to share some general remarks to be considered as guidance for conducting the technical work under the 1<sup>st</sup> GST.

On the mandate, our Group is of the view that we are not starting from scratch. The GST aims to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement, but the assessment needs to go beyond, by linking our work to what is ongoing under the Convention. It is important to remind, at this stage, the fact that the PA is an instrument under the UNFCCC, aiming to enhance its implementation. Consequently, the Arab Group stresses the need to link the technical work to the SBSTA agenda item 8(b) on the second periodic review of the long-term goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it. Our understanding is there is a close linkage between what is stipulated by Article 2 Convention and Article 2 of the PA.

Moreover, the Arab group supports the idea that the technical dialogue has to serve as a space to exchange views, experiences and practices on the implementation of the PA in a manner that will lead to the achievement of the objectives set out by article 2 of the Agreement. On this aspect, we would like to recall the necessity to maintain the holistic approach you exposed through your technical note. Hence, the technical assessment should address all thematic areas mitigation, adaptation, means of implementation and support including provision of finance, technology transfer and capacity building as well as address impacts of response measures.

Regarding the scope, the Arab Group stresses the necessity of following an inclusive approach that deals with all the relevant provisions of the PA, namely Article 4 on NDCs, Article 7 on adaptation, Article 9 on climate finance, Article 10 on technology development and transfer, and Article 11 dealing with CB aspects. The implementation of these provisions cannot be done in abstraction of the principles of equity, CBDR-RC, just transition and sustainable development.

The assessment has to be applied to two interrelated periods, namely the pre-2020 implementation period and the post-2020 one.

As said by the distinguished Chairperson of the AGN, linking equity to the best available science in the context of enhancing the implementation ambition means that the GST has to

take into consideration the historical and the current contributions to global warming, as well as national capabilities, circumstances and contexts.

Reducing the global GHG emissions to reach the long-term temperature goal implies analogous ambition and progression in terms of provision of financial and technical support to developing countries. Also, adaptation and the related support should receive adequate attention and have an equal footing as mitigation aspects.

Furthermore, our Group suggests having a reflection on how to operationalize the equity when it is linked to the best available science. Indeed, the PA deals with a set of principles that are closely linked to equity, such as the principles of CBDR-RC and national circumstances, the principles of progression set out by paragraph 3 of Article 4, the leadership role that has to be played by developed country Parties as stipulated by paragraph 4, and other guiding elements like contextualizing the global climate action by the Parties' efforts to attend the SDGs and eradicate poverty. Concretely, the technical dialogue, as well as the GST process, should lead to general understanding of the manner to implement these principles. For example, progression is not only limited to the commitments under Article 4 of the PA, it must include the support to be provided to developing country Parties to elaborate, communicate and implement these commitments.

Our Group would like, also, share some remarks on response measures in the context of the 1<sup>st</sup> GST. This issue needs to progress by addressing all the related aspects. We need to significantly progress work in this area. Parties should explore the way to analyze and assess the socio-economic impacts of global warming on their economies. As mentioned by the IPCC reports, the MENA region is one of the most impacted by climate change, which imposes a lot of challenges in terms of attending food security, water security, socioeconomic resilience and regional stability. Coming back to the environmental aspects, global warming puts heavy pressure on the ecosystems of the region which leads to the disappearance of local lifestyles and traditional knowledge.

To conclude, we believe it is very important to use this process to highlight the essential need to understand the IPCC through all of its outputs, in a comprehensive way. This means also promoting, in a nationally driven manner, all available options and technologies advanced by the IPCC, including removal technologies, to support our common and individual goals.

CFs, our Group will participate actively and constructively to the upcoming deliberation and express concrete ideas to fulfill the mandate as stipulated by Article 14, paragraph 1 of the PA and decision 19/CMA.1.

Finally, CFs, our Group will work closely with you for the success of the technical process under your leadership.

I thank you.