

Dear Executive Secretary, COP Presidencies,

In accordance with Rule 10(d) of the draft Rules of Procedure of the UNFCCC, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries, is submitting a request to include an agenda item in the provisional agenda of the COP28, CMA5 and both Subsidiary Bodies.

“Operationalization of the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in accordance with Article 2.2 of the Paris Agreement”

Equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC) are and will always remain a central element to governing climate action. The entire implementation of the Paris Agreement will be considered in the context of equity and CBDR-RC.

The Principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are established in its article 3, and in particular art. 3.1 states that: “The Parties should protect the climate system for the benefit of present and future generations, on the basis of equity and in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and their respective capabilities. Consequently, developed country Parties should take the lead in combating climate change and its adverse effects.”

Article 2.2 of the Paris Agreement states: "This Agreement shall be applied in a manner that reflects equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in light of different national circumstances."