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Urszula Kasperek, from Under2 Coalition Secretariat hosted by Climate Group – we are the largest network of state, regional and provincial governments committed to just, resilient, and credible net zero.

First, I would like to thank the co-facilitators for ensuring meaningful participation from non-Party stakeholders in the Global Stocktake technical dialogues.

In particular, we welcome recognition that non-party stakeholder actions can strengthen efforts for systemic transformations in messages. We also welcome recognition of the role of the Marrakesh Partnership by the European Union in driving action on climate action and adaptation.

Today I would like to focus on one key approach that is available to many all Parties in this Chamber. It is embracing and leveraging existing multilevel governance structures and continuing working together with state, regional, local and city governments to deliver integrated response to climate crisis.

More than 75% of the world's countries – that are responsible for 90% of ALL greenhouse gas emissions – have regional governments.

According to work undertaken by OECD/UCLG last year, since 2020, countries such as Chile, Finland, France, Greece, Lithuania, Sweden, and Costa Rica have all implemented new legislation that gives more powers and responsibilities to the regional level.

All around the world – subnational governments are holding important policy levers on energy, transport, industry, land-use. Depending on jurisdictional powers many may be responsible for building and maintaining critical infrastructure as well as allocating budgets. As indicated by OECD, in the G20 countries, states and regions are responsible for 60% of public investment.

In many jurisdictions, subnational governments are responsible for a large proportion of public procurement – that is why we see them as critical for an integrated and holistic approach towards the Global Stocktake as well.

Multilevel Governance can strengthen a variety of processes, especially supporting and accelerating climate change adaptation at local level and contribute to mitigation efforts, as well as effectively tackling energy poverty, providing a coherent framework for the just transition, and enhancing many other crucial issues.

On just transition, we saw some governments in our coalition coming together on Just Transition Taskforce to discuss challenges they face at local level to ensure that any action at local level contributes

to national plans and advances global prosperity and long-term sustainability, without amplifying existing inequalities or creating new ones.

When addressing the scale and scope of solutions, vertical collaboration is crucial, and we invite the co-facilitators to include a recommendation in this regard in the output component. This recommendation should invite the Parties to fully engage with subnational actors in the drafting and implementation of NDCs and NAPs; and for these to take into consideration local plans, actions and achievements.

I will close my statement with highlighting the importance of international collaboration. Under2 Coalition and organizations working with regions and cities have a wealth of experience in knowledge sharing that already helps in implementing national policies and setting policy agenda that support delivery on sustainable development goals.

We will submit this statement in writing and provide further relevant data and examples of collaborations at subnational and city level that we hope to see reflected in the summary report.

Thank you very much.