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Chair,

Roz Foyer, General Secretary of the Scottish Trades Union Congress, speaking on behalf of the Trade union NGOs.

The global trade union movement is watching. Workers around the world are living the impact of climate change that is getting worse year after year. Droughts, floods and heat waves are affecting their livelihoods.

40 years of privatisation and marketisation has led to broken communities, economy inequality, and environmental injustice on a planetary scale. We need a Just Transition based on full employment, high-quality public services, and unionised jobs.

- We want clear support for Just Transition with human and labour rights in the core of the Glasgow Agreement and in the decisions on Article 6 and Response Measures.
- Countries need to step up their 2030 NDCs in line with a 1.5°C trajectory before the conclusion of the 2023 Global Stocktake.
- We want guarantees from the rich countries to deliver the climate finance that they promised in 2009. This shameful situation must end.
- We also want more money for climate adaptation and a finance mechanism for loss and damage.

People are waking up to your lack of action. Outside these fences, we've seen striking cleansing workers join hands with youth climate strikers. And when we join together, the ordinary people who care about the future of our planet, climate activists, indigenous communities, the anti-racist movement, the feminist movement, young people, trade unionists, and all of the people who are fighting for a fairer future, we are more powerful, than you can dare to imagine. Because we are the many, and you are the few.

Thank you.