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Dear Mr. President,

My name is Alison Tate representing the Workers and Trade Unions at the UNFCCC.

Allow me to be very clear in my message. The global union movement is very concerned! The negotiations are not going anywhere in the direction that we need.

Let me take a step back.

First there was the Brazilian government that renounced organising the COP. Then we had the Chilean government cancelling the COP due to the social protests of the people who no longer accept the extreme inequality in their country. For the workers' movements, both decisions show very clearly that it is impossible to have effective and ambitious climate policies without social justice. Climate change impacts inequalities even more. That's why we want - here in Madrid - a clear sign from the Parties that they take human rights, social justice and climate protection seriously and understand the inter-connections. Today this sign is absent from the texts.

Unions are disappointed that the Parties have still not agreed on the work program of the Forum on Response Measures, and its Katowice Committee. This shows a complete lack of respect for the urgency to promote a Just Transition of the workforce and the creation of Decent Work and quality jobs. Just Transition will drive action and ambition.

We are concerned about the negotiations on Article 6. We do not accept any market mechanism that puts

in danger the objectives of the Paris Agreement. More, we want strong rules that protect indigenous, gender and workers' rights. Indeed, all human rights. The same counts for the Gender Action Plan. Governments are not up to the challenge on the finance mechanism for Loss and Damage. What we see happening here at COP25 will not help us save the planet, protect people, nor enable the action that is urgently required.

People are rising.

We expect the Governments of the world here this week to deliver for their people, not to stall further. Our lives, livelihoods, jobs, communities and dignity depend on the Governments here stepping up and taking responsibility.

Thank you.