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Roundtable 3: Means of Implementation: Finance, Capacity Building, and Support

Distinguished co-facilitators and delegates, I am Mara Ghilan speaking not only on behalf of our constituency but of billions of children and youth.

I am here to provide key demands for the first GST to be reflected in the summary of this dialogue and in the synthesis report. Considering the time constraint I will be brief and we will send our full reflections in writing. Starting with Finance and referring to AR6 WGIII.

IPCC says Progress on the alignment of financial flows with low GHG emissions pathways remains slow. There is a climate financing gap that reflects a persistent misallocation of global capital. We echo the urgency of scaling up global financial flows to achieve the Paris Agreement goals and the operationalization of the 100 Billion USD, and ensuring equitable and just flows to developing countries. We highlight the need to urgently prioritize the phasing out of fossil fuels and to invest in clean energy, sustainable infrastructure, and adaptation measures to directly benefit developing countries. We point out the need for transparent and accountable financial mechanisms.

On Technology, Assessing and bridging gaps in technology and the technology transfer between developing and developed countries are key elements in the process. There are best practices everywhere to adapt and mitigate climate change including from Indigenous Local Knowledge as well as grassroots and local initiatives, and the inclusion of such aspects is essential.

On Capacity Building, The reflection report of the second TD highlighted the importance of engaging national and local actors to increase institutional capacity. We reiterate the importance of extending the capacity building to children, youth, and marginalized communities to promote local actions and bottom-up contributions to achieving the Paris goal and keeping 1.5 alive.

Additionally, the ACE action plan agreed upon at COP27 sets the foundation for capacity building. The mechanisms for educating and empowering young people to participate in making climate justice a reality are a part of this mandate and should be incorporated across the GST. The GST will show us the gaps, barriers, and enablers. If we have a target without a plan, we simply have a wish. In the end, I want to recognize that many of us, the youth, are just at the beginning of building our expertise and that participation in these technical negotiations is a challenge.

Yet, we are doing our best to learn the language and express in technical terms what we all know in very simple terms: the pathway we are on violates the rights of children, youth, and future generations and harms their interests. There are not many reasons to be hopeful. The barriers to our participation are extremely high.

I am lucky enough to have broken through these barriers and self-fund my participation to be here and ask you to do your job and give us reasons to hope. To hope that the Paris Agreement will be implemented, that you will keep the 1.5 goal alive, and that by the time we will be sitting in your seats - irreversible harm will not have already been done. Thank you!