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Thimphu Call for Ambition and Action

LDC Ministerial Meeting, 11 Oct 2021

We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegation of the Least Developed Country (LDC) Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), having met in Thimphu, Bhutan, and virtually on 11 October 2021 in preparation for the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26, CMA3, CMP16) taking place in Glasgow, October-November 2021:

Emphasise that climate change requires urgent and immediate action that is both ambitious and equitable to support the interests of the poorest and most vulnerable countries and peoples;

Note, with grave concern, that the current new and revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) do not put the world on track to the 1.5°C temperature goal of the Paris Agreement;

Call upon Parties, and in particular to the [G20 countries](#) to further enhance their NDCs in line with 1.5°C pathways and consistent with their responsibilities and capabilities to undertake climate action, in order to reduce the emissions gap to 1.5°C; and **further call for** Parties to urgently submit long term low emission development strategies (LTS) aiming to achieve net-zero global emissions by 2050;

Urgently call upon Parties to reaffirm their commitment to the 1.5°C temperature goal and to the Paris Agreement by operationalizing all aspects of the Paris Agreement Rulebook including the outstanding elements under the enhanced transparency framework (Article 13), rules on carbon markets (Article 6) and a common time frame for NDCs;

Emphasise that the rules on Article 6 must contribute to raise ambition by maintaining environmental integrity, mandatory cancellation for overall mitigation in global emissions, avoid double counting and the carryover of pre-2020 Kyoto units to the Paris Agreement, and ensure a substantial share of proceeds for the Adaptation Fund;

Call upon Parties to agree on effective and full-scale operationalization of the Santiago Network on Loss and Damage, particularly through establishing a Secretariat for the Network that will coordinate technical assistance to developing countries on action and support; and **further call for** Parties to provide finance for loss and damage and at scale that responds to growing needs;

Stress the importance of addressing the impacts of climate change on agriculture, noting both the vulnerability of the sector and its critical importance for ending hunger, enhancing livelihoods and ensuring food security in LDCs;

Note, with serious concern, that developed countries are failing to meet their existing commitment to deliver US\$100 billion per year by 2020, that thus far this finance has predominantly taken the form of loans rather than grants, prioritises mitigation over adaptation, and is not reaching LDCs at the scale necessary; and **call** for developed countries to urgently deliver on this commitment at COP26;

Call upon the financial mechanisms of the Convention and other climate funds and financial institutions to streamline and simplify their application, review, approval and disbursement procedures;

Call upon Parties to agree on a process to determine an ambitious new quantified finance goal to take effect prior to 2025, based on science and driven by the needs and priorities of developing countries, particularly LDCs, that matches the scale of climate finance needed to support ambitious climate action compatible to 1.5°C having elements that cover mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage;

Call for a dedicated space for parties to engage on the Global Goal for Adaptation (GGA) with an objective of setting a roadmap to help identify what the goal entails, how the goal will be assessed and how it will inform the Global Stocktake; and

Urge all countries and international partners to support LDCs in implementing their NDCs, NAPs and LTS, and [LDCs' initiatives](#) through the provision of quality, sustained, accessible, long-term climate finance, capacity-building and technological support.
