

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES GROUP

APA Closing Plenary

Thank you Co-Chairs. I speak on behalf of the group of 48 least developed countries.

The LDC group wishes to highlight the importance of advancing our work as soon as possible, particularly in the context of entry into force of the Paris Agreement.

We have had some productive discussions over the past week, however, we reiterate the need to make real progress in upcoming sessions based on the understanding and clarity that we have gathered during rich discussions in this session so far. Let us work diligently to build upon the Convention in developing a comprehensive and robust rule book to move beyond the conceptual stage and bring the Paris Agreement to life.

While we are disappointed that more headway was not made here on some key issues, we welcome the work plan developed over the past week and urge parties to collaborate to put this into practice during our next sessions.

The LDC group reaffirms our commitment to working constructively and productively with all Parties to generate equitable and ambitious outcomes, remembering that the futures of our communities across the world are at stake.

Co-chairs, we thank you for your efforts in guiding our work.