Opening of the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 44)

Statement by Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on behalf of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group

16 May 2016, Bonn, Germany

Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has the honour to speak on behalf of the LDC Group. I would like to associate myself with the statements made by Thailand on behalf of G77 and China, Mali on behalf of African Group of Negotiators (AGN) and Maldives on behalf of Association of Small Island States (AOSIS).

Mr. Chairman, from the outset, allow me to thank you for the various reports, analysis and compilation of information you have made available on different agenda items under the SBSTA. The LDCs have full confidence in your chairmanship of this important body, and believe that our discussions will reach the best possible outcomes.

Mr. Chairman, as we will be taking stock of the progress made in the implementation of the Nairobi Work Programme (NWP) and further elaborate additional activities in this session, we look forward on having some concrete plans ahead supporting implementation. We are cautious on linking NWP with NAPs, which is another topic to be discussed here. We look forward to engage on this discussion and make our contribution.

Mr. Chairman, we would like to applaud the IPCC for taking up the 1.5°C special report to be delivered in 2018. We would encourage the IPCC to deliver this report as early as possible in 2018 to allow for full consideration by the Subsidiary Bodies to feed into the 2018 facilitative dialogue.

With respect to agenda item 6(b), in relation to the preparations of the Sixth Assessment report of the IPCC, which will be timed to inform the global stock take in 2023, we want to express our serious concerns that only low priority is apparently being proposed by the World Climate Research Programme to a well below 2°C. 1.5°C scenario for all climate modelling groups to run as part of the upcoming sixth climate model inter-comparison exercise. The lowest scenario presently being recommended for all modelling groups to run is the RCP2.6 2° pathway from the IPCC fifth assessment report. We know that lower, 1.5°C compatible scenarios are available and more are being developed. All of these will be available to be included in the climate model runs, which are essential for us to understand the science and impacts of this level of warming. The Paris Agreement clearly calls for more information on 1.5°C scenarios and therefore highest priority should be given to such a scenario to provide as comprehensive information as possible for the Sixth Assessment report.

Mr. Chairman, with regards to the scope of the next periodic review of the long-term goal, our group proposes that the mode of discussions would be the Structured Expert Dialogue (SED), as we did during 2013-15 and as refereed in paragraph 11 of 10/CP.21. The focus should be on 1.5°C global goal with clear linkage to Article 2 of the Paris Agreement and the IPCC special report on 1.5°C to be delivered in 2018 highlighting the social, economic and environmental implications of achieving 1.5°C.
On matters relating to **market and non market** (agenda item 10) and to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement (agenda item 11), we believe that there is no need to continue to deal with the three work programmes under the SBSTA and in parallel with the work to be conducted with article 6 of the Paris Agreement. It would be helpful to have technical synthesis paper prepared by the secretariat to take stock of the progress made on this matter as of now. We also need to ensure that activities to be considered under Cooperative approaches are different from those to be developed under the Sustainable Development mechanisms and why share of proceeds for adaptation is not needed.

On the issue relating to **agriculture**, the emphasis on adaptation is critical, as it relates to food security and sustainable development. The group stand ready to engage on this agenda item as we look forward for implementation of concrete actions that have emerged in the agenda item.

The **elaboration of the technology framework** agreed in Paris is important. The LDC Group looks forward to elaborating the technology framework’s scope as well as the modalities to implement the technology framework.

On matters related to **modalities for the accounting of financial resources** (Agenda item 12), we are in a view that it is important to enhance the coordination and delivery of resources to support country-driven strategies through simplified and efficient application and approval procedures, and through continued readiness support to developing country Parties, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, as appropriate.

**Mr. Chairman,** the issue relating to Loss and Damage is very important for our group. We share our concern on treatment of this important agenda item in this subsidiary body. We have a very important task relating to review and finalization of the five-year work plan of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) on Loss and Damage. We call for the inclusion of Loss and Damage in the joint agenda item of Subsidiary Bodies allowing space to have guidance review process and preparation of a five-year work plan.

**Mr. Chairman,** the LDCs are ready to work constructively on making as much progress as possible at this session and look forward to working with you and all Parties.

Thank you.
Closing Session
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Statement by Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group
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Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has the honour to speak on behalf of the LDC Group. I would like to associate myself with the statements made by Thailand on behalf of G77 and China, Mali on behalf of African Group and Maldives on behalf of Association of Small Island States (AOSIS).

We also want to thank you, the co-facilitators and the Secretariat for the hard work during this session and acknowledge the progress made in different agenda items.

On agenda item 3, the Nairobi Work programme, we look forward to engaging further on activities planned on different thematic areas and ways to enhance the effectiveness of the modalities of the NWP.

On Agenda item 4 – Technology Framework - The group acknowledges progress made at this session and looks forward to further engagement at SBSTA 45. We expect that the further elaboration on this matter will be inclusive and comprehensive to include elements such as upscaled financing to technology development and transfer, particularly the outcomes of the TNAs, research and development of technology in LDCs and integration of gender.

For Agenda Item 5 - Matters relating to agriculture - The LDC Group is very disappointed in the manner that our colleagues in Annex 1 "derailed" progress in reaching a Conclusion on Agriculture here in Bonn. Our colleagues in Annex 1 rejected the same Convention language (i.e. reference to Article 9 of the Convention) in the draft Conclusion text that was used in a similar Conclusion text at SBSTA 42. We hope that negotiations at COP 22 (in Marrakech) would yield positive dividends so that we, as a climate change negotiation family, can have some concrete actions on the ground at our national levels for our most-vulnerable farmers.

On matters related to Agenda item 6, 8, 9 and 10 – we welcome the conclusion adopted here at this session and look forward to further engage on this matters at the upcoming session.

On Agenda item 11 – Article 6 of the PA – we also noted the relation with the ongoing discussion at the APA and look forward for further information through submissions to elaborate the to work programme.

Thank you Chair.