

Joint Plenary APA, SBSTA & SBI
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Statement delivered by Brazil on behalf of
Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay (A-B-U)

Mr. Chairman, presiding officers, Madam Executive Secretary,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

We associate our delegations with the statement delivered by Egypt on behalf of the G-77 and China.

I would like to congratulate the Chairs of SBSTA and SBI for their election and thank the previous chairpersons. I would also like to commend the co-chairs of the APA for their hard work and continued guidance.

This joint plenary session provides an important opportunity to guide our work in the next few weeks. We must make progress on the issues under the Paris Agreement Work Programme so as to conclude our mandate at COP-24. We are looking forward to a rich discussion in the Talanoa Dialogue preparatory phase that will contribute to building momentum for the political phase in Katowice, where we will also have the essential pre-2020 stocktake.

Mr. Chairman,

On the Paris Agreement Work Programme, we are on the right track but our pace has to accelerate in order to conclude our mandate by December. We are aiming for an ambitious and balanced result that covers the three pillars of the Paris Agreement: mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation. For such, we must have a balanced progress under the APA, SBSTA and SBI of the issues related to these three core elements needed for operationalizing the Agreement.

Of particular importance is the need to ensure adequate and predictable support to developing countries. We must improve our understanding of the scale and direction of climate funds. Truly enhanced transparency of support will allow us to assess how Parties are complying with their obligations,

build trust to further cooperate and enable developing country Parties to better plan and implement their NDCs. However, the information on finance provided up until now still lacks the necessary completeness, clarity and consistency. We note with concern that in the Third Biennial Report, several developed country Parties have not fully complied with reporting guidelines for finance provided, particularly in terms of clarifying definitions and methodologies. Without clarity and transparency, no tracking can be made and the report's value is limited. We must also ensure sound accounting for the support to be provided. This will enhance not only predictability but also the consistency of financial flows with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development. We encourage Parties to further advance on the modalities for communicating indicative information on this issue.

A-B-U is ready to contribute to moving forward on these and all other issues under the Paris Work Programme, continuing in the constructive spirit we have demonstrated. At the end of this session, we should have a better understanding of where Parties stand on each element, and how elements relate to each other, that will allow for the development of drafts capturing different options and views that can serve as the basis for negotiations starting in Bangkok.

Mr. Chairman,

In parallel to progress in the Paris Work Programme, we must move forward in the pre-2020 agenda. The stocktakes at COP-24 and COP-25 will represent important milestones to assess where we are, how we got here and what stage we are setting for our post-2020 actions. We expect Parties to demonstrate actions to increase the implementation of their pre-2020 commitments. An important part of the pre-2020 agenda is the entry into force of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol.

Pre-2020 assessment will also be a central component of the Talanoa Dialogue. A-B-U are looking forward to sharing stories of success and of challenges in implementing actions to combat climate change and to make our societies more resilient. The phased approach we have adopted will allow for substantive ministerial engagement at the political phase in COP-24, with an outcome that will allow us to see where we are in achieving Article 4.1 of the Agreement that can also serve as an input for national discussions.

Lastly, A-B-U regrettably once again express our deepest concern over attempts by some developed countries to unilaterally apply additional unagreed criteria for developing countries' access to funding. Such attempts are a departure from the text and the spirit of the Convention and the Paris Agreement adopted under the Convention, potentially undermine the level of ambition of developing countries in the global effort against climate change and do not give the right signal for the post-2020 period.

Mr Chairman, presiding officers,
You can continue to count on the delegations of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay to supporting you in leading us forward and paving the way for a successful COP-24 in Katowice.

Thank you.