

Excellences,

Distinguished delegates,

Cuba would like to express its support for the previous statements delivered by G77 and China, AOSIS, LMDC and ALBA.

We appreciate the efforts of the Secretariat and the SB Chairs in maintaining the climate change process ongoing -even in the current challenging international situation- and we celebrate the ambition drive that has brought us to have an official session of the Subsidiary Bodies in a virtual setting, considerably scaling up the scope of the June Momentum.

We appreciate the work carried out by the SB Chairs so far, and the provisions of their scenario notes to guide the work among Parties, and we recognize the importance of this process to continue to be Party driven at all times.

We fully recognize this SB session has an official status with informal outputs. About these written outcomes, we see the need for all of them to have a balanced consistency and nature. While bearing in mind the substantial differences among the agenda items and its different maturity levels- we consider it important that the notes share the same vision regarding how to progress in the topics. We also will like to have the opportunity to react to them, so we support the idea of these informal outputs to be communicate to Parties with enough time, before the closing of the SB.

We support the proposal of allowing Parties to make written submissions in addition to their oral statements during the meeting. This will not only enhance the transparency of this process but will also reinforce the participation to those who would experience connectivity or technical challenges during this virtual setting. These written submissions should also be captured as Parties positions in the summary notes.

We also address the importance of keeping balance among items under negotiation within the Paris Agreement agenda, including adaptation, loss and damage, financial provision and support, which are priorities for developing countries.

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We want to express to the international community our concern regarding coercive and unilateral measures and the way they are affecting Parties efforts to face climate change. All Parties should be in the most favorable conditions as possible to take actions against climate change and advance collectively in this international process.

Chairs, this SB come at a crucial time, when the combined effects of climate change and the COVID 19, has substantially increased the challenges for developing countries on reaching their sustainable development goal. It is crucial that this process, here in this virtual SB session and towards the COP 26, become an important space for cooperation and solidarity, particularly with the more vulnerable, urgently needed of a renewed commitment of financial resources and technologies to be effectively in a position to adapt and build resilient and low carbon societies.

It is important to start working as soon as possible in this informal setting.

Thank you.