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Report statement

Respected Chair, distinguished high-level participants from the G20 Focus Group, and also the V20 countries and G20 countries, very good morning. As it is indeed our great pleasure that Bangladesh is one of the co-chairs of the Advocacy and Partnership Focus Group. As you know, Advocacy and Partnership is one of the three focus groups that were created in connection with the adoption of the April 2016 V20 Implementation Work Plan. And focus group led by pairs of V20 members co-chairs (inaudible) to his chair work in priority areas of the Action Plan and at attaining a significant increase in climate investment in V20 countries through the member-driven application of financial innovation to 2020.

Bangladesh and Marshall Islands are proud to co-chair this focus group. As like other two focus groups, Advocacy and Partnership Focus Group first met at Marrakesh, Morocco, in November 2016 in order to conduct an initial assessment of the scope of V20 initiative and to program forward activities, including the inputs of key partners.

Afterwards, on 10 March 2017, in conjunction with the V20 Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation to further progress the three focus group program of work, the focus groups' second meeting was convened at Manila, Philippines. In those two meetings on advocacy and partnership, the focus group decided to formulate a Joint Technical Committee of the Vulnerable Twenty -- V20 -- Group for Multi-Country Proposals Financing Initiative with a mandate of, in fact, the development of collective multi-member country V20 financing proposal for supporting innovative and capacity-enhancing climate change action in member countries.

To develop as a part of any financing proposals, funding request proposals to international climate change financial mechanisms, inclusive but not limited to the Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund, the Global Environment Facility, and International Climate Initiative mechanisms.

The assurance wide and active consultation on all and any proposals with all members, taking into

account the maximum of input from member representatives, availing of the V20 Working Group, and liaising with V20-accredited entities as required.

The collaboration and coordination with the CVF Troika, with CVF representatives in the elaboration and consultation phase of proposal development, as well as submission.

The consultation with relevant technical experts, public and private, and ensure high-quality proposals for submission.

To lead advocacy to secure support for V20 financing initiatives, and to consult with external partners and donor institutions and other relevant public and private sector institutions, including business-focused entities.

To avail of the services of the V20 Secretariat and to support this work as a matter of distinct priority for the V20.

The committee shall commence its activities following the granting of this mandate by the Ministerial Dialogue, I mean, this dialogue, April 2017, and work continuously as a permanent committee, reporting on progress to future meetings of the Ministerial Dialogue until such time as the work of the committee is deemed completed in the appreciation of the Ministerial Dialogue.

In fact, announcing that Bangladesh will be happy to host the first meeting of the committee in May 2017. We place this proposal for your kind consideration. Highlighted the importance of public advocacy to express common views on the Green Climate Fund and engagement with the G20; identified other initiatives like engaging with the NDC Partnership and UNFCCC high-level champions; and further exploring the proposal/initiative of interest, that is external “Financing for V20 Climate Resilience and Climate Mitigation” proposal. As like other two focus groups, the activities of Advocacy and Partnership Focus Group as outlined in the Key Milestone 2017 and was prepared and placed before you for reference, the group aims to achieve the tasks in due course.

Key Milestones 2017, Advocacy and Partnership Focus Group, (inaudible) V20 funding proposal, objectives were secure financial resources for V20 members to facilitate progress forward toward the 2020 V20 Action Plan. That task was approve Technical Committee terms of reference shared by Secretariat; in progress. And from Technical Committee to develop proposals for V20 submission to key international funding mechanisms. Its focus group to review, conduct, and assist climate finance experience survey; that is in process. The committee formed and proposed development initiated to key international funding mechanism this year, et cetera.

And G20, promote interest confluence areas with G20 German presidency; issue V20 op-ed on G20,

completed; and advocate for vulnerable country interests; participated and contributed to outcome document of G20 Green Invest platform. It is also completed. Explore partnerships and support for V20 members. Initiate G20-V20 dialogue at Spring IMF-World Bank; proposed in process. It is also done.

This year, promote, facilitate, and streamline access. Conduct issues analysis on GCF is proposed. Promote vulnerable country interest. Consult on and share key messages ahead of GCF Board meeting, proposed. Share post-GCF Board meetings, updated. It is also proposed.

And other advocacy and partnerships, promote V20 shared interests and voice in strategic fora and public debate. FSB Task Force input has also completed. And NDC Partnership engagement is pending. Attract new investment and secure additional support for the V20 and its program of work through partnerships. Outreach and discussion with donors and other actors of increasing investment and support to V20. That is pending.

In fact, lastly, we thank and express our deep gratitude to Marshall Islands, the co-chair of Advocacy and Partnership Focus Group, Ethiopia, the outgoing V20 chair, and all other member states for their kind contributions and support. Thank you very much. I will hand over this report to you later. Thank you.