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Report statement

Thank you, Honorable Chair. Distinguished participants, I am honored to represent Costa Rica today as a member of the Troika of the V20 Group and to present this report on the progress of the V20 Focus Group on Climate Accounting, which we are co-leading together with Nepal.

A key action point of the Climate Accounting Focus Group has been the development and articulation of V20 views on international climate finance flows whereby the Secretariat was requested that such information should be presented in the context of the Ministerial Dialogue VI with the Focus Group seeking guidance on the development of a more detailed V20 viewpoint on international climate finance. A document has been prepared on this topic that outlines 12 climate centers of interest, together with related exemplary considerations of great importance. This is a very useful instrument that I'm sure will support our technical and political negotiations and represent our high ambition towards climate accounting.

The information focuses on the following issues: the balance between mitigation and adaptation; the question of additionality, for example, versus ODA commitments; access and administration capabilities and/or requirements; the goal of \$100 billion and progress towards it; questions of finance impact and effectiveness, public and private share, modalities and special needs; accounting for loans versus grants; fragmentation of funding instruments and overall complexity; South-South finance; reporting practices; the post-2025 commitment from a floor of \$100 billion contained in the Paris Agreement; co-financing issues; and finally, the clean development mechanism and the future of emissions credit under the new international regime. Assuming we are all in agreement to proceed to develop a shared viewpoint on these topics, we would really encourage all interested members to participate actively in the future elaboration of these efforts.

Other areas of activities we are working on this year including the following: public finance and climate change. We want to build capacity of members to track and show how much we are already investing in climate change. A number of the V20 have already implemented climate budget tagging to this effect. It will help us to show our own commitment and is very helpful for leveraging further external finance. An initial workshop on this topic was organized together with UNDP during the Manila regional meeting last month. We will work to build further on these efforts.

And carbon pricing, we note the increased activities of various members to tax and execute other measures to derive revenues from regulating climate-harmful activities. We plan to also solicit support for the members to ensure we have access to the best possible expertise when undertaking such actions, including, for instance, to explore options to accrue carbon credits when undertaking such activities.

We look forward to your comments, to the suggestions of the members for adding or refining to our planned activities.

Finally, I would like to reiterate the continued support of the government of Costa Rica to the V20 view and activities, and to its sister CVF and its current chair Ethiopia. We also welcome our new five members and look forward to engage with them shortly.

We also extend our congratulations to the Marshall Islands and our interest to contribute to the preparation of the critical first 2018 summit of our special grouping. Thank you very much.