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**FOCU AREA 15: Climate**

Thank you Chair.

I am Maria Theresa Lauron of IBON International and the Campaign for Peoples' Goals, and I make this statement on behalf of the Women and NGO Major Group, Feminist Task Force, Mining Working Group of the UN, Campaign for Peoples Goals, and Beyond 2015.

**We welcome a distinct focus area on **climate change** and recognition that it is a threat to poverty eradication and sustainable development. We commend mention of the need to uphold the principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibility.**

**But the urgency is still missing.** Climate **change** is a cross-cutting development issue already negatively impacting complex global systems as recognized in the 5th IPCC report. It exacerbates poverty and magnifies inequalities between countries, societies, and between women and men. The CSW58 Agreed Conclusions recognized that

women and girls are disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change.

**Equity and ambition are the twin imperatives to solve climate change. It must be a focus of Post-2015 and effectively integrated into all focus areas. Existing commitments are not enough.**

**We call for the following targets:**

- ONE - *greenhouse gas* (GHG) emissions peak before 2020 and then rapidly decline to achieve zero carbon emission near mid-century through gender-responsive, socially just and environmentally sound national actions taking into account equity;
- TWO - Urgently phase out economic activities incompatible with planetary boundaries and ensure adequate redress of damage based on the 'polluter pays' principle;
- THREE - Ensure effective disbursement of adequate, appropriate and new climate finance, -- ensuring gender-sensitive social and environmental safeguards, especially for loss and damage.

We recommend amendments to build on the targets in the revised Chair's text *on the 19 focus areas*:

- Target (b) to read: **All countries** have the means and strategies in place to build their adaptive capacity and resilience, especially of poor and marginalized groups.
- target (c) to read: “ensure that safe, environmentally sound, appropriate, gender-responsive technologies are in place to support a transition; are accessible particularly to the most marginalized communities and societies; and are unhindered in their full utilization by intellectual property rights (IPR)
- **Expand target (e) to read:** All countries have reduced damages caused by natural and climate-related natural disasters and slow-onset climate events through gender-responsive disaster risk reduction that ensures participation of marginalized and affected communities in all stages.

*The world calls on its leaders NOT to be conservative (in vision) nor stingy (in commitment). We urge for the member States to be visionary and transformative and steer the world to a new pathway to solve climate change.*

*We cannot afford anything less.*

Our full statement with expanded recommendations will be uploaded for your reference.

Thank you.