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Statement on behalf of trade unions

Thank you Chair

This is the first trade union statement under this Body, and at this stage we probably have more questions than answers… like you, we also need to work further in building an international position which will be fair for workers and working families from all over the world, all living in different situations, as the one we had for the pre-2020 (and which has still not been satisfied). Despite this, all our trade unions are desperately in need for hope, for a transition which will deliver sustainability, with decent work and social justice in a safe climate.

This group must deliver a stronger climate regime, identifying the means to stay on a path towards 2°C or less, at a time where we know current commitments are not going in that direction.

In this session, you must succeed a “safe landing” of the LCA and the KP, when many issues remain unsolved, and others risk being lost in the way.

The work under this group must remain based on the principles of the convention, be led by science and ensure mitigation efforts are added before 2020, as well as after2020. It must also be a regime thought for the long term, therefore taking into account the evolving nature of countries responsibilities and capacities.

From a labour perspective, a stronger climate regime also means not loosing other agreed concepts, such as just transition. This group should not start from scratch on its understanding of the policies and measures needed to build a socially-sound climate regime. Dealing with ambition before and after 2020 also means handling the need for workers and their families to be fully involved in the transformation ahead.

Co-chairs, the labour movement stands ready for being part of the dialogue. You can count with our support.