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STATEMENT BY BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY NGOS (BINGO)

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

My name is Norine Kennedy. I speak on behalf of Business and Industry Groups attending this meeting.

We note the growing role of SBI in implementation of the UNFCCC, and in both Work Stream 1 and 2 related issues under consideration in ADP. As far as we are concerned, SBI is a kind of unsung hero of the UNFCCC process, making possible the ambitious and wide reaching international cooperative concrete action called for under the UNFCCC. And with the addition of INDCs and other transparency & information sharing measures, the possibilities for enhanced observer organization involvement, not to mention added meetings and workload next year, work and outcomes of the SBI is more important than ever.

Concerning INDCs, the private sector's practical expertise and technical know-how should inform the development of INDCs at the national level, and should also be used as part of international facilitative review and consultation. Early involvement of business in INDCs will ensure a greater chance of buy-in to the options tabled and ensure that they are strongly linked with the wide and varied ranges of domestic capability and capacity, strategies, and policy agendas. Business engagement will also help provide insight on implications for global commerce, as well as financial support and aggregate consequences. We also strongly encourage governments to reflect the ways in which business and other stakeholders were consulted in preparing their INDCS.

Both in UNFCCC and at the UN Summit in New York, we see the momentum of partnerships and initiatives of business and other non-state Actors. But to benefit from and scale up these practical actions requires institutional infrastructure in the UNFCCC, including the SBI, and also adequate resources to allow the Secretariat to work with stakeholders.

We look to create more efficient, effective, comprehensive channels for business and other stakeholders' engagement in the UNFCCC, including the Paris outcomes. Recognized channels would provide continuity, strategic purpose, and commitment of resources. Such channels for consultation and implementation exist in other intergovernmental fora -- these could provide models for the UNFCCC.

As ever, BINGOs look to support your work, and hope to be a resource to governments and the UNFCCC secretariat during your session here.

Thank You, Mr. Chair.