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Statements on behalf of the EU

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Thank you, Mme. Moderator,

I speak on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

We would like to thank the panelists for their important contributions.

Climate change is one of the most important challenges of our times. It is not neutral. When disaster strikes, it strikes harder on women and children.

Women are disproportionately vulnerable to the impacts of climate change when and where their rights and socio-economic status are not equal to those of men, and where they have less agency and influence than men in shaping policies and prioritizing how climate finance is used. We believe that the empowerment of all women and girls is an essential ingredient in building climate resilience. They are indeed major players in the field without whom impacting results cannot be achieved.

Climate change mitigation and adaptation is a key priority for us. We support a gender perspective in climate policies both domestically and internationally, and encourage the production of gender-disaggregated data essential for tracking, measuring and finding solutions for the issues encountered, as well as women's engagement and gender equality in international negotiations under the United Nations Convention on Climate Change. We supported in this context funding to the Secretariat's work on gender activities.

The EU's stance in climate negotiations has been and continues to be that full and equal participation of women in climate negotiations and in the design of climate action is key. The EU Delegation in climate talks has gender balance, and two out of three lead EU negotiators are women.

In the EU, the Energy Governance Regulation adopted in 2018, is an important step in the implementation of the EU's 2030 climate objectives, which includes EU-wide emission reduction targets and policy objectives for the period from 2021 to 2030. It is the first EU climate/energy legislation mentioning gender.

Also in our development cooperation efforts, improving gender equality and upscaling climate action is central. We take measures to tackle gender inequalities and/or climate change, and we mainstream gender and climate change issues into all aspects of development policy. Gender-sensitive services are

vital for those who have been affected by climate change and natural disasters and who have to flee their house.

In conclusion, we would like to stress again the crucial importance of ensuring participation of women in decision-making in general and at all level on this issue. In order to design and achieve sustainable solutions to tackle climate change and to deal with consequences of climate change, it is essential that women have a voice.

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