

Wednesday, November 16th, 2022

H.E. Sameh Shoukry, Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs and COP27 President
Sharm el-Sheikh
Egypt

Excellency,

The Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean (AILAC) would like to respectfully respond to the AGN proposal of a draft decision communicated on November 15th, 2022, which is entitled “Draft Decision on the Special Needs and Special Circumstances of African States”.

AILAC expresses its appreciation to all Parties who attended the two informal consultations held by the COP27 Presidency, where Parties’ exchanged constructive views on the request from AGN about special needs and special circumstances of Africa.

We further appreciate the flexibility expressed by the proponents of the draft decision, to accommodate more broad views regarding this matter.

Nonetheless, AILAC believes that the draft decision does not adequately address the concerns expressed in the consultations held during the last days. AILAC remains convinced that adopting any decision that involves only one region or subset of developing countries would intrinsically lack inclusivity and is inconsistent with the spirit of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Therefore, AILAC would like to request to maintain the proposal of a discussion space on general matters related to special circumstances at a regional level for developing countries, as presented on the first consultations, instead of the AGN Draft decision, which our group cannot support.

Accept, your Excellency, assurance of my highest consideration.


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