

Umbrella Group Closing Statement

UNFCCC Climate Change Dialogues

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Chair and distinguished colleagues.

The Umbrella Group expresses its appreciation to the UNFCCC, the Subsidiary Body Chairs, Chile and the United Kingdom for organising the successful UN Climate Change Dialogues under extraordinary circumstances, including the inclusive participation of non-state actors. The dialogue reflects the continued importance of addressing the global climate challenge and maintaining momentum in negotiations.

We welcome the significant exchanges the virtual Dialogue has enabled and are encouraged by the valuable and productive engagement across the agenda, both on negotiation-related items and mandated side events. Looking ahead, we would strongly encourage the UNFCCC to consider equitable allocation of events across time zones, particularly for parties in Asia and the Pacific for whom the vast majority of events occurred overnight.

Umbrella Group countries who are Parties to the Paris Agreement emphasise the critical importance of completing negotiations on the enhanced transparency framework and Article 6 by COP26 next year. The Dialogues provided valuable space to exchange views on these issues, and we would support continued discussions and dialogues on this important work in 2021, including in virtual formats and intersessionally.

The Umbrella Group welcomed the Multilateral Assessment and the Facilitative Sharing of views and expresses its appreciation to Parties for the productive exchanges at the first Structured Experts Dialogue, the dialogues on Oceans and the Land, the Koronivia workshops on agriculture, the 12th Research Dialogue, Earth Information Day, the Pre-2020 Roundtable, the dialogues on gender and Action for Climate Empowerment, the in-session workshop on Long Term Finance and current and incoming Presidencies HoDs Finance Event, bearing in mind that COP26 will be a milestone year for climate finance as it will initiate deliberations on post 2025 goal. We welcomed the broader attendance by non-

Parties made possible by virtual formats, and moving forward, encourage the UNFCCC and all Parties to consider using virtual formats, where appropriate.

Chair, the Umbrella Group stands ready to accelerate this important work with Parties.

Thank you