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ARGENTINA

Agenda item 3) Inputs to the 2021 High Level Political Forum

Mr. Chair,

The Argentine Delegation is grateful for having circulated the new draft in a format that allows us to observe the additions and deletes made to the document; we believe that this is a practice that should be maintained for all future meetings and documents.

We would also appreciate taking into account in future meeting planning a more adequate number of working days between meetings, and ensuring a greater number of working days between the publication of the document versions and the meeting at which the documents are to be discussed.

Transparency and inclusiveness are also marked by the deadlines provided for comments, and these are not respected if they are not adequate. It should be remembered that developing countries generally have fewer resources, including human resources, so that, among other things, each official is involved in analyzing a larger number of issues, meetings, documents, than in developed countries. The same consideration is valid with respect to the authorities that must approve the comments, so it is very important to have appropriate deadlines for analyzing the documents.

Argentina reserves the right to make further written comments to this version in the near future since, so far, the competent authorities have not had the opportunity to properly analyze the new proposed inputs.

However, the Argentine Delegation would like to make now the following preliminary comments to the new draft version:

As a general comment, we appreciate that many of the considerations expressed by our Delegation have been taken into account. We now have a more robust draft document.

As particular comments, we would like to highlight the following issues:

1) On page 3, point b), numeral 2):

It is requested to delete "*through nature-based solutions and other ecosystem-based approaches*" since it is not necessary to provide examples of possible actions for the "sustainable use of natural resources", when others exist and even more so if the terminology is not multilaterally agreed.

2) On page 3, point b), paragraph 5):

It is requested to add the word PROVISION so that the sentence reads: "*By substantially increasing resource PROVISION AND mobilization for developing countries*".

3) On page 4) point e) numeral 1) second asterisk:

In line with previous point it would be appreciated to delete "*including through nature-based solutions and other ecosystem-based approaches*", since it is not appropriate to exemplify with only some of the ways to do so, even more so if the terminology is not multilaterally agreed.

4) On page 5, item e), numeral 3):

It is requested to change the word "*green bonds*" to "*sustainable bonds*" since the meaning of the word "*green*" has not been multilaterally agreed.

5) Page 6, item f), numeral 4:

It is also requested to add the word PROVISION so that the sentence reads: "*to increase resource PROVISION AND mobilization for developing countries*".

The reason for these requests is that it is not only a matter of mobilizing private funds, but also that the Developed Countries fulfill their obligations to provide resources to Developing Countries.

6) In Annex 1), paragraph 6):

It is requested to change the word "*decarbonization*", whose meaning is not multilaterally agreed, to "*greenhouse gas emission reductions*" or "*low greenhouse gas emissions*".

Mr. Chair,

We will send this statement and these preliminary comments in writing in order to facilitate the work of the Secretariat.

Thank you.