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INTERVENTION PRESENTED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 5

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Portugal would like to stress that the voluntary approaches mentioned throughout the day have great merit and they have indeed mobilised the civil society, NGOs, the Industry, and even some Governments. This is increasing and is very positive.

However, at this stage in time it is clear that the current global framework is fragmented and will continue to be so, unless we see political will mobilised too, towards a concerted global effort aimed at effective change.

An urgent and unambiguous global agreement is key to address this challenge.

Future generations will judge us on the actions that we take now. This cannot be a missed opportunity. The time is now. We urge all delegations to admit that this is the time. We cannot waste any more time.