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Mr Chair, thank you for giving us the floor. I am speaking on behalf of the UNFCCC Women's Caucus and the Asian Women's Networks.

Addressing the gendered contributions and impacts of climate change we repeatedly have demanded women's leadership and participation in the discussions and ultimately, in the implementation of climate change solutions. A strong integration of gender dimensions in the debates would have enabled a more comprehensive analysis of the causes of climate change. Until today, patriarchal politics and corporate greed direct the UNFCCC process held hostage by the most developed countries that have desecrated the planet without any signs of restraint.

Having critically observed the discussions in the last couple of months, particularly here in Bangkok, we want to express our deep concern regarding the undeniably insufficient emissions reduction ambitions. The most critical and urgent response to climate change is mitigation! Therefore we urge Annex I countries to accept their historic responsibility regarding both, climate change **and** gender injustice and to take urgent and drastic action. We want to see response measures that are sustainable, don't put us at additional risk, and take into account gender perspectives.

Women all over the world are prepared to contribute to solutions for a just climate regime - it is time to follow us!