

Thank you, Chair.

Distinguished delegates,

The Women and Gender Constituency calls on your sense of responsibility, knowing that climate change is a threat to our economies, democracies and survival. Climate change impacts all of us but is not gender neutral. To prevent future impacts and lessen current we ask you to act urgently. **Extensive involvement of civil society, including women's organizations, is essential** to face this challenge and to ensure the link between policymaking and action at the grassroots level. We would like to share with you our experiences and to call attention to 3 points of the negotiations .

1. First, it is necessary for each country to implement measures in order to limit the global temperature rise to 1,5°.

It is time to commit to the transition from a nuclear and fossil based way of life to a nuclear free and low carbon future. All the financial and intellectual capacity is needed to make this transition a success. Thus large-scale investments in unsustainable structures, like new coal plants or nuclear power plants, are not acceptable anymore.

2.Second, Financial support for climate change mitigation must contribute to real sustainable development and environmental integrity as required by the Kyoto protocol. **Nuclear energy must be kept out** from the flexible mechanisms. Indeed, it is clear and proven that **nuclear energy is a threat to human life at every step of production**, for current and future generations. We call for paving the way for **innovative, pro-poor implementation solutions**, - such as decentralized, sustainable **household and community level projects**. The potential for community level mitigation projects are enormous. This will increase access for women to global climate funding mechanisms and can facilitate a fair geographic and gender balanced contribution of climate change mitigation projects.

3. Finally, Regarding LULUCF: There is an absolute need for a proper definition of forests reflecting the value of Forest biodiversity. Indeed, the impacts of monoculture tree plantations are devastating for both ecosystems and local populations, particularly women, who rely on biodiversity for their lives and livelihoods. Therefore tree plantations should be excluded from the definition.

Thank you for your attention and for considering these points in the negotiations.