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Closing National Statement

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The Philippines thanks the COP Presidencies, SB Chairs, co-facilitators, UNFCCC Secretariat for facilitating the work in SB60.

We express our gratitude to the UAE Presidency for the conduct of COP28, and our commitment to engage further in the coming COPs by Azerbaijan and Brazil Governments.

Thank you, Presidencies, for setting directions through the Troika, including the Roadmap to Mission 1.5.

Aligned with G77, the Philippines shares the views of developing nations expecting SB60 to provide a glimpse of success in Baku.

We came hopeful that we will collectively build the momentum from Dubai. But with five months left, we remain confronted with problems on consensus, with only procedural, non-substantive documents at hand.

Yet success in some areas were achieved:

- We advanced discussion in **agriculture and food security**. In COP29, we must ensure the transition of our discussions into implementation.
- We adopted informal notes on **GST and GGA**, for further work in Baku.

We look forward to a decision on UAE dialogue's scope, which must put finance at the center, supporting **nationally-determined implementation of GST outcomes** by developing countries.

For GGA, we have outlined our future work on the **UAE-Belem Work Programme** towards COP29.

- We agreed on WIM Review TOR, ensuring WIM's fulfillment of its mandate to catalyze urgent, comprehensive, and coherent action on loss and damage.
- We considered "**emissions avoidance**" in Article 6, subject to further discussion in CMA.10.

Excellencies, the Philippines set our minimum, in the spirit of consensus and continued collaboration to:

- Uphold principles of UNFCCC and *its* Paris Agreement including the CBDR-RC;
- Deliver MOIs from developed to developing countries, and
- Advance universal access, transparency, and accountability to the multilateral process.

These are elements we have agreed upon since the beginning of the Convention, and these are the very same matters which we remain for negotiations until today.

Regretfully, we have delayed and stalled our work on crucial workstreams: *Mitigation Work Programme, Just Transition Work Programme, and financing for NAPs*;

We are alarmed by the deferral of the delivery of other mandates, as being subject to resource availability – *Technology, Capacity Building, Transparency, and Gender*.

In Baku, we must determine the NCQG – one that addresses gaps, and considers the evolving needs and priorities of developing countries.

We must support developing countries to move closer to our targets on enhanced resilience, low carbon, and sustainable development.

We cannot afford inaction – we must act with firmer resolve as, clearly, it is our lives, livelihoods and shared future at stake.

For our fellow Filipinos, dapat nating pag-ibayuhin ang pagtatanggol sa buhay, kabuhayan, at kinabukasan nating lahat.

On this, we hope that discussions on LDF operationalization will further advance in COP29.

As we agree on the need to further accelerate climate action in this critical decade, ***we must - all Parties, especially developed nations, deliver not just not on their commitments but on their treaty obligations.***

Again, ***we are at a point of no return. There is no other direction but forward. And there is no other way but to work together.***

To Baku, we must collectively make high-level and political decisions ensuring substantive, operational frameworks and programmes for action.

Excellencies, colleagues:

The world is watching; the most vulnerable are listening in: At risk developing nations, women and girls, children and youth, differently-abled, indigenous peoples and local communities, and other sectors and stakeholders – they all have their hopes pinned on the work that we do. We are their last, best hope.

Let us not forget: This is the only process we have; Our responsibility, therefore, is clear: Together, let us make our process work.

Trust, Excellencies, that the Philippines remains a constructive partner in this multilateral process.

Maraming salamat at Mabuhay.