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Business and Industry NGO (BINGO)  
STATEMENT

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Thank you Mr. Chair.

While many here at COP18 will be focused on matters relating to “vision” and “ambition,” business wishes to underscore the fundamental importance of implementation, and the central role of business therein.

We believe that the private sector can provide a valuable resource to the UNFCCC, through the Secretariat and to Parties and groups, in a wide range of topical areas related to SBI’s work on implementation at national, regional and global levels.

Progress is being made in building new institutions that will be important catalysts for implementation. Almost all of them explicitly refer to engaging the private sector, including the Technology Mechanism, the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Committee. In the former, we thank the TEC co-chairs and members for their openness to business, and we look forward to working with the UNEP-led CTCN consortium in this connection.

For the GCF, we take note of the envisioned “private sector facility” which we believe should actively involve business representatives, as well as “active observers” from the private sector who should be tied to the broad business networks of both investing and operating companies.

The COP also agreed in Durban (the COP agreed) to examine options for new channels for observer organizations to provide formal inputs into the high level segment of the sessions of the COP and CMP. In our view, this is a valuable addition to existing avenues to provide input through interactions at the national, regional, and global level, ongoing informal exchanges, public-private sector dialogues and workshops.

Several side-discussions of this matter will take place here in Doha, and we encourage you to attend them. Building on this, It is crucial for business, governments, and international institutions to share a vision of creating a more efficient, effective, comprehensive framework for engagement of business that is not “one-off” or ad hoc. (Rather), it can and should have permanence and continuity, fill strategic purpose, and build over time in a coherent fashion.

We continue to believe that new channels for input from business and other observer organizations are warranted, as the Convention moves into implementation and sets up new structures which will depend on connections and partnerships with business and others to be effective.

Business and industry encourages the UNFCCC to be open to practical, effective, and substantive ways of drawing on business expertise and information throughout the process to support and inform implementation. Going forward, we will continue to seek your views and make every effort to enhance engagement of business responsive to your needs and recommendations.

We look forward to hearing your ideas as we continue this dialogue.

Thank You, Mr. Chair.