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**Mr. President;**

1. My delegation associates with the statements delivered by **Gabon (on behalf of the Africa Group) and Guinea (on behalf of G77 and China)**.
2. My delegation and I also wish to register our immense appreciation to you and your able support team for the effective way you have guided this complex COP26 process, which you did with patience, professionalism and in most open and transparent manner.
3. We also wish to express our gratitude to the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies and the teams of Negotiators for their hard work, dedication and sacrifice.

**Mr. President,**

4. We came to Glasgow to provide support and solidarity for the drought-stricken people of Kenya, Africa and other parts of the world, whose lives and livelihoods have been and continue to be devastated by the impacts of climate change.
5. We came to Glasgow to push for decisions to ensure deep cuts in emissions especially by those with the greatest historical responsibilities in line with what science tells us, in order to keep the world on track for 1.5°C temperature increase; that is, **to keep 1.5°C Alive.**

6. As I said during yesterday's stock take plenary for Africa, 1.5 °C is 3+°C, and it is not a statistics, it is a matter of life and death for our people who contribute the least in terms of emissions, yet bear the brunt of the devastating effects of the global warming.
7. We came to Glasgow to push for **new, additional, adequate, predictable** and **sustainable** financing for climate action; for mitigation adaptation and loss and damage and for other means of implementation including technology development and transfer and capacity building.
8. We came to Glasgow to negotiate a robust **loss and damage** support package for all in the Global South whose lives and livelihoods continue to be devastated by the impacts of global warming.
9. We came to Glasgow to seek support for recognition of the special needs and circumstances of Africa, which is the most climate change vulnerable region in the world.
10. We are disappointed that our humble request to have this important issue admitted to the Agenda so that we could have a chance to make our case was once again dismissed because as you (Mr. President) put it "**there is no consensus on this!**".

**Mr. President,**

11. Glasgow (COP26) has and rightly so, been described as "**the last best hope for humanity and the planet**".
12. At the World Leader's Summit, Global leaders from every region of the world delivered powerful statements and their strong support and commitments, that gave hope to the whole world, especially the developing and climate vulnerable countries.
13. Some of the most memorable messages included:
  - a. "**Where Paris Promised, Glasgow Delivers**"
  - b. "**The long wait is over**"
  - c. "**Now is the day-now is the hour**"
  - d. "**We must make COP 26 a resounding success**"

14. Regrettably however, those powerful and re-assuring statements from our Leaders sat at odds with the positions taken by the developed countries during technical and ministerial negotiations. Neither have they been embodied in the final outcome.

**Mr. President,**

15. While we welcome the pledges and commitments made by developed countries during this Conference to double their provision of adaptation finance for developing countries, we would emphasize that **trust is of utmost importance.**

16. As the saying goes “**once bitten, twice shy**”. In respect of the failed delivery of the **USD100 Billion per year**, developing countries have since 2009 been bitten **not once; not twice; not thrice, but more than 10 times!**

17. In this case, trust has not only been broken, it has been shattered. **A LOT NEEDS TO BE DONE, NOT BY WORDS, BUT BY ACTION IF THE BROKEN TRUST IS TO BE RESTORED.**

18. For this reason, as we leave Glasgow, we ask ourselves, *if, whether, when, and on what terms and conditions* would the new pledges and commitments be delivered by the developed countries. How many more of our people would have to die, their livelihoods destroyed, before these pledges are delivered?

19. We also ask ourselves, why are the same countries that have made these new pledges, the self-same countries that have opposed Article 6.2 **Share of Proceeds** and establishment of the **financing facility** for Loss and Damage?

Mr. President,

20. As regards keeping “**1.5°C Alive**”, whilst we appreciate the mitigation text, we wish to express our concern that the principle of common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities was not taken sufficiently into account. **The text should have included stronger language calling on the G20 countries –the major emitters- must lead and do more if we are to keep 1.5°C Alive. Developed countries that bear the greatest historical responsibility for the current emissions must urgently take deeper emission cuts this decade in order to close the mitigation gap.**

21. We applaud the progress made on the **Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)**, and the operationalization of **Santiago Network for Loss and Damage**. However, we like so many of my brothers and sisters in this hall, are disappointed that parties could not agree on the establishment of **Glasgow Loss and Damage financing facility**, which would have been used to leverage urgently needed funds for our vulnerable communities that are suffering right now, as we sit here today.

22. We also welcome the finalization of the **Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)**. However, we urge for adequate and timely support for reporting for developing countries. We also continue to emphasize the need for reporting on loss and damage finance and associated support under the transparency framework.

23. On the **New Collective Quantified Finance (Post-2025) Goal**, we welcome establishment of the Adhoc Work Programme on this. However, we emphasize the need for political support and oversight on the technical work. Further, we emphasize the need and urgency for mobilising climate change finance – **moving from the billions to the trillions- particularly from the public sector**, and in the form of grants and highly concessional loans, to keep the 1.5 degree goal within reach.

24. We also welcome the recognition of human rights, gender, youth, indigenous communities and the long overdue recognition of the critical importance of protecting, conserving and restoring nature and ecosystems in the cover decision text.

25. Further, we welcome the recognition of the critical linkage between oceans and climate – but we emphasize the need for a work program of action to be established and launched quickly.

Mr. President,

26. From the foregoing, we take the position that; **whilst Glasgow has not delivered what Paris had promised; whilst the long wait is not yet over; and whilst COP26 may not have been the resounding success we had hoped for, nevertheless, the GLASGOW PACKAGE represents a positive step in the fulfilment of the PARIS PROMISE.** For this reason, and in the spirit of compromise, Kenya endorses the **GLASGOW CLIMATE PACT.**

27. We hope that this positive step will mature into real and concrete results as we go to COP27 (the African COP).

28. I thank you, Mr. President.

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