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‘THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE’

Amb Ali Mohamed, Kenya’s Special Envoy for Climate Change and Chair of the African Group of Negotiators, Responds to the New Texts on the New Collective Quantified Goal, the Just Transition Work Programme, and the Global Goal on Adaptation

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In respect to the release of the new texts on the New Collective Quantified Goal, the Global Goal on Adaptation, and the Just Transition Work Programme, Amb Ali Mohamed states as follows:

On the New Collective Quantified Goal text, he says:

“The proposed target to mobilise \$250 billion per year by 2035 is totally unacceptable and inadequate to delivering the Paris Agreement. The Adaptation Gap Report alone says the adaptation needs are \$400 billion; \$250 billion will lead to unacceptable loss of life in Africa and around the world, and imperils the future of our world. Moreover, it is no longer developed countries who are responsible under this formulation. It is rendered as a target for which all countries are responsible and where developed countries are taking the lead. This is unacceptable.”

On the Global Goal on Adaptation text, he says:

“The African Group of Negotiators reiterates the importance of prioritising adaptation and calls for an explicit decision for the technical and expert teams to finalise the work on the indicators six weeks prior to SB62. We believe that the finalisation of indicators is a party-driven process, and as such parties must be given enough time to consider the work and further the development of indicators. Furthermore, we are not happy with the inclusion of transformation adaptation in the text as parties did not have adequate time to engage on the concept. We are also extremely disappointed that the outcome does not provide a clear guidance on the inclusion of the indicators to track the means of implementation for the adaptation. We call for clear guidance for the inclusion of the Means of Implementation in the final text.”

On the Just Transition Work Programme text, he says:

“The Just Transition text is unacceptable and lacks balance between domestic and international dimensions of just transitions. Just transition is about fairness, international cooperation, shared prosperity and access to economic opportunities, as well as addressing challenges for the transitions. The Baku decision should effectively respond to the Dubai mandate and scope of just transitions.”

Ends.

About the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change

The African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change (AGN) is a technical body of the three-tier African negotiating structure that engages in the technical negotiations during the Conferences of the Parties (COPs) and the intersessional negotiations on Climate Change. It was established in 1995 with the objective of representing the interests of Africa in the international climate change negotiations, with a common and unified voice. The AGN prepares and drafts negotiating text and common positions at COPs, guided by decisions and key messages from the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), the highest decision-making tier, and the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN), the second highest decision-making tier. Its structure comprises of Lead Coordinators and Strategic Advisors, thematic coordinators, former AGN Chairs, and UNFCCC focal points of the 54 African Member countries and the Secretariat. The Group is currently chaired by the Republic of Kenya through Amb Ali Mohamed, who is President William Ruto’s Special Envoy on Climate.

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