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Mexico's Statement at the General Debate Session: "Leveraging innovations and finance for climate-resilient and inclusive recovery"

Mr. President,

Mexico prioritizes the human perspective and the sustainable use of natural resources as non-negotiable elements. We promote "nature based" actions with a focus on ecosystems that incorporate social and economic visions conducive to ending inequalities and to guarantee the right and effective access to a healthy environment.

For our country, it is imperative to promote synergies between the three Rio Conventions, in doing so, we believe this guarantee the possibility of simultaneously combating the impact of climate change, biodiversity loss and desertification, all of which are intrinsically related to food and nutrition security. The foregoing makes it possible to optimize human and financial resources in the context of a green and resilient post-COVID-19 recovery.

We believe that it is essential to increase climate financing resources primarily targeted for adaptation, but also that funds need to be allocated to create a balance to support mitigation efforts. These resources should be tailored, at all times, to the needs and priorities of developing countries, considering their main sectoral needs and oriented to grant a more sustainable approach to the use of land, biodiversity, water and agriculture.

Mexico believes that we must work to facilitate access to financing to face the losses and damages caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. In doing so, we must insist that the new forms of financing include a holistic vision in which priority is given to increase social inclusion and to promote processes leading to greater and better resilience.

As part of its participation in *fora* and events on the international climate agenda, the Government of Mexico has pointed out the importance of creating projects that lead to a reduction in emissions, which should include the most advanced sustainable concepts and practices. We believe that these approaches can be supported by mechanisms such as the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

For our country it is a priority to strengthen multisectoral collaboration, in order to involve different actors in the formulation and implementation of innovative and sustainable actions leading to climate recovery and the promotion of responsible and sustainable consumption by communities.





Mexico considers essential to design strategies, guidelines and collaboration mechanisms intended to address the effects of climate change in the agri-food sector, as well as to promote the conservation, sustainable use and integration of biodiversity and to reduce the vulnerability of agri-food production. We consider imperative, that IFAD supports country efforts to strengthen their institutions and guide them in the search of innovative financial solutions, focused on small producers, which allow climate goals to be achieved without neglecting to improve the living conditions of such producers.

The participation of all countries is necessary in actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change, to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, to strengthen the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources and agrobiodiversity, and to reduce desertification, contributing to the fulfillment of the SDGs.

For our country, it will be a priority to continue strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation in search of synergies and multifocal projects through to meet the challenges of climate change, food insecurity and economic development.

Thank you.

