Angolan Statement at the Security Council Arria-formula meeting on Climate Change

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Firstly we would like to express our gratitude to the PMs of Malaysia and Spain for organizing this important meeting.

Climate change is the greatest challenge facing humanity. Its very nature, in particular the causes and effects, make it also a great challenge to multilateralism.

The scientific community is unanimous in recognizing the role of humanity in causing climate change as well as projecting its effects on our way of life. All scenarios point to need for urgent and decisive action by us all.

No one country, territory or actor can alone tackle climate change so as to render it immune to its effects. Tackling climate change at the level and scale commensurate with the advise from science, truly requires global actions.

We emphasize that the UNFCCC is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change. All parties to the Convention are currently engaged in a process that will culminate in the adoption of an international legally binging instrument to govern the global response to climate change.

In this context, we welcome the holding of this open Arria-formula Meeting on the role of climate Change as a threat multiplier to Global Security. The Security Council is well placed to participate in the mobilization of political momentum needed for actions on climate change adaptation, mitigation and the deployment of the necessary tools.

This meeting also serves to highlight a real and emerging challenge to international peace and security. These however will only materialize in the absence of adequate international action to place the planet in a pathway to zero emissions zero poverty.

This pathway must address mitigation to climate change and the development needs of developing countries while at the same time reducing poverty.

In our view, this is achieved by engaging in the negotiations with a view to adopting a Protocol that addresses all aspects arising from the mandate of the 17th Conference of the Parties, Mitigation, Adaptation, Loss and Damage, Finance, technology transfer and Development and transparency of action and support in December.

We also emphasize the need to fulfill existing commitments under international conventions. This measure will lend credibility to our current endeavor under the convention on climate change. Credibility and transparency of action is particularly relevant as we construct an architecture that is anchored on universal participation.
The participation of us all is also dependent upon our ability to recognize the common but differentiated responsibilities as well as the acknowledgement of dissimilar respective capacities of parties.

In this regard, we welcome the successful and timely initial resource mobilization process of the Green Climate Fund, making it the largest dedicated climate fund and enabling it to start its activities in supporting developing country parties of the UNFCCC. The GCF is supplemental to existing institutions and does not substitute the role of the LDCF meant to fund urgent adaptation needs of the least capable and most vulnerable to climate change.

Thank you.