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**GCF READINESS
PROGRAMME**

Building capacity to access the Green Climate Fund

DECLARATION SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

We, the participants from Bhutan, Mongolia, Philippines, and Vietnam at the South-South Learning Exchange Towards Accessing the Green Climate Fund (GCF), held in Manila, Philippines:

Call for the highest political commitment to combat climate change and its adverse impacts, and to pursue green growth, as a matter of urgent priority for Asia-Pacific countries;

Declare our strong solidarity with countries such as ours that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and underscore the need to support efforts aimed to enhance adaptive capacity and build resilience;

Recognize the need for countries to deliver enhanced and updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by 2020—when ambition updates need to come—that are fully integrated with our national development strategies as we actively explore enhanced assistance and cooperation on climate finance, capacity-building and technology transfer, to better enable climate action;

Call for increased project and programme development support and realization of the \$100 billion annual funding target through a successful replenishment of the GCF, as an expression of global solidarity and partnership, to be urgently allocated to adaptation and mitigation priorities of climate-vulnerable communities;

Call for increased support from GCF for adaptation projects and providing more grant funds and targeted readiness support for developing countries in the South;

Call for enhanced support for direct access entities (DAE) pursuing accreditation, through the strengthening of institutional policies and processes of nationally nominated entities, and streamlining of GCF procedures;

Commit to ensure that all stakeholders respect the principle of country ownership during the country programme development process for the GCF;

Recognize the vital role of the private sector, civil society, academe, and other stakeholders to help our governments succeed in accessing climate finance to combat climate change;

Affirm the value of exchanging learnings in accessing climate finance and of mutual encouragement for the development of proposals to the GCF; and

Commit to continue South-South cooperation and reiterate our resolve to inspire solidarity, hope, and opportunity for current and future generations.

Agreed upon this 21st day of March 2019, in Manila, Philippines.