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Statement made by Batjargal Zamba, Representative of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to the UN.

Distinguished delegates,

I shall be brief. I just wanted to say a few words, referring to the paragraph 41 in the section E (page 14) titled “ Addressing new and emerging challenges”, of the SG’s report “ Progress to date and remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits in area of sustainable development , as well as analysis of the themes of the Conference” , where emphasis is made on the UN support to countries faced with climate –related disasters and longer-term impacts.

The World Climate Conference (WCC-3), held in September 2009, with participation of 2500 professionals and decision makers, endorsed the establishment of a Global Framework of Climate Service, aimed to provide tools to assess risk and make science and knowledge based decisions on adaptation to climate variability and change, particularly in developing and most vulnerable countries, with special focus on the needs of Africa, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

WMO, as a principal UN agency, which initiated and organized the WCC-3, is convinced that the science based solution in mitigation actions and the knowledge based approach in adaptation activities can significantly increase the efficient use of limited financial resources that most developing countries might be enduring at this difficult times of financial and economy crises. It would be one of the practical and most needed actions which mobilizes the existing expertise capacities and facilitates opportunities of UN family organizations in solution of problems of common concern like climate change in relation to the sustainable development.

Thank you.