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Thank you, Chair, for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Research and Independent NGOs. My name is Daniel Dominguez. I am a Marshall Scholar at the University of Glasgow and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow at Colorado State University.

One of the great strengths of the research community is that we are engaged in partnerships with policy and decision-makers and stand at the ready to do more to advance on the urgent challenges we have heard about from the IPCC and again here in Glasgow. We commend the explicit recognition of the importance of science in decision-making in the cover decision and stand ready to respond to the call for researchers. We can bring together researchers from the natural and social sciences, the arts and humanities, and enrich our research with traditional knowledge, local communities' and youth perspectives for robust engagement and action. And as you know, Action, and in particular, evidence-based Action is what is needed most right now.

With the coronavirus pandemic, we have seen what can be accomplished when governments, community leaders, civil society representatives, the scientific community and citizens work together to meet a common goal. Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the research community continues to conduct research, educate, and train young scientists, and in doing so we have become more resilient to the changing dynamics of the global stage. We also have adapted and responded to knowledge needs in real-time. As a result, we are using our higher capability to conduct active climate change research across disciplines and to help bridge the gap between awareness and action.

We encourage governmental organizations to continue to support collaboration between researchers in different nations and disciplines. It is vital to continue to build the capacity of the next generation of scientists, the academic capabilities of least developed countries, and non-traditional educational programs that allow them to engage in climate change research and solutions. As a young scientist supported by two government institutions, I can attest that when you invite us to collaborate across national lines and in these programs, the research community can better meet the needs of all concerned. The world has recognized climate change science. It is time to innovate, adapt, and create solutions to human health, social justice, the economy, governance, and the natural and life science impacts of climate change.

In closing, the research and independent non-governmental organizations emphasize and reiterate our commitment in partnering with you to support you as you address these challenges and to accelerate solutions.

Thank You

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