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Mr. President,

We welcome this report on climate finance, and the synthesized information in it.

What is clear from the report is that we are operating in a context where political will is absent, and individual State and private interests are prioritized. We have known the causes of climate change for decades but have not changed course.

Even following the landmark opinions of the International Court of Justice and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, which were preceded by UN bodies and experts also clarifying State obligations, there has been no urgent global cooperation or action.

As a result, we are now heading towards a future beyond the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement, and we recurrently see "once in a lifetime" natural disasters and extreme weather.

The report raises critical issues that not only acknowledge the status quo, but how we got here - including by addressing historical responsibility for the climate crisis and the role and impacts of the private sector.

We urge States to recognize and address past and continued colonization and imperialism, the profits derived by both States and companies, and their impacts on people and the planet. This not only includes green colonialism under the guise of a just transition, but also the diversion of critical minerals for militarism and weapons – the use of which will further exacerbate environmental and climate chaos.

States, especially those in the Global North, should not only reflect this in their contribution to climate finance, but also in regulating corporations and holding them accountable for human rights, environment, and climate harms.

Thank you.