

Mr. President,

This is a joint statement between ACT alliance and the Lutheran World Federation. ACT alliance is a global membership alliance of over 140 churches and church based organizations and the Lutheran World Federation is a global communion of 144 churches, representing over 72 million Christians in 79 countries.

Climate change continues to threaten lives and livelihoods of poor and vulnerable communities around the world. The communities we work with, especially in Africa and the Pacific, are already facing irreversible impacts of climate change. Increased drought and extreme weather events affect rights to health and education, and disproportionately affect already vulnerable populations, and the sinking of small islands states causes disruption of livelihoods and loss of cultures and traditions. While we welcome the discussion today, we are concerned that inadequate attention has been given to date to the impacts of climate change on the full enjoyment of human rights. For instance, this Council's previous relevant resolutions on human rights and climate change have not adequately influenced the discourse in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. We therefore call upon the HRC:

- To monitor the implementation of resolutions on climate change by the relevant UN bodies including inter alia the UNFCCC.
- To address the rights of individuals and communities experiencing climate induced migration and relocation.
- To amplify its demand on the Parties to the UNFCCC to ensure that the climate agreement to be adopted in December contains specific language to respect, protect and promote human rights for all.

Thank you, Mr. President