**Draft statement (Deadline for comments Monday 20th July, 13GMT)- Final reference to the statements from the floor will be included by the drafting team.**

My name is Noelene Nabulivou. We welcome the opportunity to offer comments on today’s discussions, giving special attention to the issue of climate change.

Several member states have already acknowledged that the new draft contains some welcome references to climate change, ocean acidification, resilience, sustainable energy of course CBDR. However occasional references are not enough. The text still falls short of a vision to embrace a future in which we completely phase out fossil fuel emissions, phase in renewable energy and remain within planetary boundaries.

Studies show that the majority of people in the world are very concerned about climate change and environmental degradation. In some states the damage and loss is already very real, affecting every aspect of human life. The SDG declaration must speak to these people, Delegates have to let them know that we won’t let them drown, nor let them die of thirst and hunger and that no one needs to leave their countries because of climate crises.

We must be clear that gender inequality, human rights, poverty eradication climate change and respect for planetary boundaries are inextricably linked.

We urge governments to give people hope by including a reference to limiting global warmingto 1.5ºC and remaining within planetary boundaries; and to heighten trust by explaining how we will achieve this goal with specific references to phasing-out greenhouse gas emissions completely and immediate urgent action.

People need certainty that governments will act to protect their fundamental and universal human rights from the adverse effects of climate change, in a manner consistent with their existing legal obligations and principles in line with best available science.

We urge governments to be explicit about the reference to resilience as requiring both infrastructural and psychosocial aspects resilience. and in line with the best science and safe, sustainable technology available, including providing data and information to and from communities in every region.

We would like to further suggest that to replace all the reference of “modern energy” by “clean, sustainable and renewable energy services”. We propose to strengthen §28, as well as the “Planet” para. recognizing the importance of natural resource as they underpin of human wellbeing and sustainable economic development.

Finally, we need a clear reference to climate justice in the Outcome Document, acknowledgement that the poorest will be hit hardest by climate change, and commitment to support those that are already in need by ensuring that adequate support for adaptation, loss and damage will be available.

These suggested changes will improve the draft and also strengthen people's understanding of the challenges ahead and commit governments in helping to resolve them.

**Endorsements:**

Climate Action Network, PICAN, Pacific Partnerships on Gender, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Pacific CSO COP21 Urgent Action Campaign (Fiji], DIVA for Equality; DAWN, International-Lawyers.Org, and Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research, and the Psychology Coalition of NGOs at the UN, Centre for Human Rights and Development Studies (CHRDS)