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Agenda Item: Assessing the Current State of the Climate Crisis

UNEP committee, as the Delegation of Spain we are privileged to talk about the current state of the climate crisis. Situated on the Iberian Peninsula, Spain is one of the most water-stressed countries in Europe. The fact that 75 percent of Spain's land is battling climatic conditions that could lead to desertification, making it the European nation most threatened by the problem. This also puts Spain in a complicated position in which the combination of extreme temperatures and other factors aggravate the risk of erosion and the loss of soil quality.

Through this statement, Spain calls for enhanced international cooperation and collaboration to address the climate crisis comprehensively. Our concerns revolve around potential droughts and their effects on public health as extreme temperatures are already impacting people in Spain. As climate change brings more heatwaves and extremely hot and humid days the risk of death from hyperthermia will significantly increase. Mortality rates are higher during heat waves that last more than two days with vulnerable groups like infants and the elderly particularly threatened.

Our concerns do not only revolve around health either. High temperatures make it impossible to work during the hottest part of the day. Noting that extreme heat could result in the loss of at least 15 percent of working hours in most places and up to 50 per cent in the regions most affected by climate change.

It is in this context that we represent Spain's concerns and contribute to debate on the root causes of climate change, including reducing emissions from sectors such as transportation, energy production, and agriculture. Spain is committed to fulfilling its obligations under international agreements such as the Paris Agreement, and we have taken significant steps to transition to renewable energy sources and promote sustainable development practices.

In conclusion, Spain reaffirms its commitment to combating the climate crisis and calls on all member states to join us in taking bold and ambitious action to safeguard the planet for future generations.

Sincerely,

Delegate of Spain