

High-level Thematic Round Table 5
Addressing climate change and supporting the environment

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of H.E. Ms. Natasa Pirc Musar, President of the Republic of Slovenia and H. E. Mr. Kausea Natano, Prime Minister of Tuvalu, the co-chairs of the Round Table 5 on Addressing climate change and supporting the environment, which took place from 2-5 pm on 7 March.

Almost all statements recognized that the LDCs had made the smallest contribution to climate change - only 3-4% of current greenhouse gas emissions and less than 0.5% from a cumulative perspective

This seriously threatened the delivery of the Doha Programme of Action and achievement of the SDGs.

Several speakers noted that climate change was not only a human security issue but also an international security issue and a climate justice issue.

The need to reform the international financial system was raised in several statements, citing that vulnerability persisted even after countries graduated whether out of the LDC category or into a higher per capita income category.

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