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Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, Chad, a Sahel country, is being hit by climate change, very brutally. We are the heart of the continent with 23 million inhabitants that bear the brunt of a crisis that we did not create.

The impact on our region—we have lost 90% of its area in 50 years. This is an incredible catastrophe on the ecological level, which pushes four million people towards food insecurity and generates massive population displacement, unpredictable flooding, destroying our crops and cattle. This year again, we registered temperatures that go beyond 48°C over months. Our health system is collapsing under disease and due to heat.

Ladies and gentlemen, Chad produces less than 0.1% of greenhouse gas emissions, but we are part of the top most impacted countries, which illustrates what is in the declaration. Our financial reserves are disappearing after each catastrophe where we spent most of our GDP to the service of debt for a system that should be building our resilience.

Ladies and gentlemen, Chad, through its policies for the fight of climate change, is changing its policy to restore its systems, to develop systems that are more intelligent and sustainable. We want to strengthen, reinforce, our early detection systems and build new infrastructures that would be resilient to climate shocks.

Our external debt is strangling us. We strongly support our system to reduce the interest rate to 1.3% which would free some resources to invest in climate. Chad supports the revision of the existing sustainability policies with the World Bank and the IMF. Our investment in climate resilience must be recognized as factors of growth, but not of risks.

We demand a concessional loan, and those loans must be granted under 2.3%. The operationalization of the damage fund with disbursement, that should be direct access to climate financing.

We demand recognition of observer status for CVF-V20 at the United Nations—[representing] 1.8 billion people must be taken into account, because we shape our future.

Ladies and gentlemen, Chad is developing climate innovations that are remarkable to face new droughts, new techniques to collect rainwater, and all kinds of adapted tools, local solutions that could benefit all kinds of countries that belong to the V20.

The limit of 1.5°C is our survival rate. We refuse to accept a world where our children will inherit a Sahel which is not livable. We demand the developed countries to honor the US\$1.3 billion per year by 2035.

Ladies and gentlemen, the fate of our vulnerable countries will be the fate of the world. Chad is ready to transform those challenges into opportunities of prosperity. But we need justice. We need financing, and we need solidarity. Humanity cannot abandon 1.8 billion people, especially the ones in the frontlines. Our resilience will determine the world facility of tomorrow.

Thank you.

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