Statement provided by:
Suriname on behalf of CARICOM countries

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Dear Chairperson,

Suriname appreciates the Report of the Secretary-General on Climate Change Statistics (E/CN.3/2022/17) and would like to note that the General Bureau of Statistics of Suriname (ABS/GBS) has fully embarked on this relatively new topic of official statistics given its importance on the global, regional and national agendas, and given the disproportionately heavy negative impact of climate change (e.g. sea-level rising) on CARICOM SIDS. At a regional level the CARICOM Secretariat also produced a regional Climate Change Statistics Publication in 2020, which assimilated statistics on this topic from across CARICOM countries.

As a member of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics (EGES), Suriname has contributed actively to the development of the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators and also participated in the Global Consultation of the draft Global Set. Suriname welcomes the joint initiatives between UNSD, UNFCCC and EGES members in supporting countries and regional organizations during the Global Consultation and during the various online EGES meetings which contributed to increased capacity building and partnerships between NSOs and the national authorities responsible for climate change reporting. We understand that the demand for climate change data and the reporting requirements have increased tremendously following the adoption of the Paris Agreement and in this regard, we believe that the Global Set will be instrumental to support countries to collect the necessary climate change indicators and statistics.

Suriname is planning to use the Global Set as the framework to produce climate change statistics and for strengthening collaboration with the Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment responsible for climate change policy and reporting climate change information to UNFCCC. This year Suriname will submit its third National Communication Report, and the ABS/GBS shared the Global Set with the consultants responsible for this report and also provided data for the GHG calculations. In addition, the ABS/GBS plans to use the Global Set to publish its first National Climate Change Statistics Report in December 2022 and to collect more information for the 10th Environment Statistics Report that will also be published in December 2022.

In this regard we hereby endorse the adoption of the Global Set as the framework for climate change statistics and indicators and wish to encourage its implementation in countries. We recognize that this is an evolving field of official statistics and that we will need to continuously work on it. However, we feel that the Global Set must be adopted now and then it can be reviewed over time, just like what was done with the SDG indicators. Suriname wishes to
emphasize that capacity development to countries be strengthened by international and regional institutions so that we can enhance our important work to implement the Global Set as the framework for climate change statistics and indicators.

Thank you, Chairperson, for providing this opportunity to Suriname to submit a written statement on behalf of CARICOM countries.