

**Statement by the Delegation of Guatemala on behalf of the  
Group of Latin America and the Caribbean  
at the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Trade and Development Commission**

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**Item 3 (a) - Reports of the multi-year and single-year expert meetings:**

**(iv) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation**

Chair of the twelfth Session of the Trade and Development Commission, Ambassador Chad Blackman of Barbados,

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Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. GRULAC would like to thank the Chair of the Multi-year Expert meeting, Ambassador Mr. Chad Blackman from Barbados, for his report on the session.
2. The group commends the analytical work of UNCTAD reflected on the 52<sup>nd</sup> issue of the flagship publication: Review of Maritime transport which served as a useful source of facts and information that enriched the expert meeting discussion.
3. The group notes the important challenge that climate change is posing to maritime supply chains, maritime transport infrastructure, operations and services, with potential wide-ranging economic costs and trade-related repercussions; and highlights some of the recommendations discussed during the session, such as: the need for risk assessments in order to achieve effective adaptation and resilience-building for seaports; innovative adaptation responses including regulation, management and technical measures; mainstreaming climate change considerations into transport infrastructure planning and operations; among others.
4. Finally, the group takes note of the key issues and experiences, recent initiatives and developments presented on the issue of climate change impacts and adaptation and encourages the continuation of exchange of experiences such as these that provide guidance and best practices for national and international level solutions to climate change issues.

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