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We have discussed how we can proceed most effectively to address the issues women still face, in a way that would bring women equality around the year 2030, we have discussed several strategies and given the parliaments an action plan.

However we need to be aware of the fact that the current economic model is only about profit maximization and relentless growth and this the core problem. It is a system that has not been able to react adequately to the warnings about carbon emissions and climate catastrophe even though science has spelled disaster for all of humanity for the past 40 years. That's why I will keep reminding the world of the IPU meeting of 2013 in Quito that had the theme: **From unrelenting growth to purposeful development "Buen Vivir": new approaches, new solutions. This was in preparation for the current SDG's.**

What we have achieved for women up to this moment, is under threat of a climate crisis with all the disruptions it will bring, according to our best scientists and expert institutions.

So we need to use our voices and whatever power we can muster in every situation and on every forum, to contribute to that enormous effort necessary to quickly and effectively address climate change. Specifically we should remind the countries of the G20 of the fact that they together produce about 75 - 80% of all global CO2 emissions.

So they are in the unique position to take quick and effective action. Not by 2050 but by 2030. They can really make a difference! Everyone has a contribution, according to the Paris agreement, but averting the Climate disaster we face, is at this moment really in the hands of the G20. We women leaders expect nothing less from them. Women leaders of the G20 use your power. Use the voice! Otherwise our daughters and Granddaughters, who have already been born, will face serious suffering this century. Women leaders need to make the difference So that our world will not be a worse, but better place than today.