

**Brazilian Submission on the composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts referred to in paragraph 1 of Annex IV (Modalities and Guidelines for International Consultation and Analysis) to Decision 2/CP. 17 on the “Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention”.**

Brazil recalls the invitation to Parties contained in Decision 2/CP. 17 on the “Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention” (paragraphs 61 and 62), and welcomes the opportunity to submit its views and proposals on the composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts referred to in paragraph 1 of its Annex IV (Modalities and Guidelines for International Consultation and Analysis), to be compiled into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-sixth session.

Brazil recalls that the ICA process encompasses the technical analysis by a team of technical experts of the biennial update reports submitted by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) either as a summary of parts of their national communication, in a year in which the national communication is presented, or as a stand-alone update report

Brazil recognizes that the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention has made a substantial contribution to improving the process of, and preparation of, national communications from non-Annex I Parties by providing technical advice and support and therefore enhancing the capacity of such Parties to prepare their national communications. Therefore, it is justified that the CGE serve as the team of technical experts referred to in paragraph 1 of Annex IV (Modalities and Guidelines for International Consultation and Analysis) to Decision 2/CP. 17 on the “Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention”.

This submission shall be considered in conjunction with the Brazilian submission on views and proposals on the term and mandate the Consultative Group of Experts - CGE, and the need for continuation of the group, to be compiled into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-sixth session.

The terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from non-Annex I Parties should be reviewed, so as to define as objectives:

- 1) To improve the process of and preparation of national communications and biennial update reports from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) by providing technical advice and support to non-Annex I Parties, including those Parties that have not yet completed their initial national communications; and
- 2) To serve as the team of technical experts for international consultation and analysis, undertaking the technical analysis of the biennial update reports, in a

manner that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty, in accordance with paragraphs 56-62 of Decision 2/CP. 17 and its Annex IV.

The mandate of the CGE shall include, *inter alia*:

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(d) To serve as the team of technical experts for international consultation and analysis (paragraphs 56-62 of Decision 2/CP. 17 and its Annex IV) and undertake the technical analysis of the biennial update reports submitted by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) either as a summary of parts of their national communication in a year in which the national communication is presented, or as a stand-alone update report, in consultation with the Party concerned, which may provide additional technical information. The information considered should include the national greenhouse gas inventory report, information on mitigation actions, including a description of such actions, an analysis of their impacts and the associated methodologies and assumptions, the progress made in their implementation and information on domestic measurement, reporting and verification, and support received;

(e) To prepare a draft summary report, taking into consideration the information referred to in item (d) above, and share it with the Party concerned for review and comment over the following three months;

f) To respond to and incorporate comments referred to in item (e) above from the Party concerned and finalize the summary report, in consultation with the Party concerned, which shall be presented to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI).

(...)

The CGE may seek assistance in performing its functions. In this regard, the CGE may establish committees, panels or working groups to assist it in the performance of its functions. The CGE shall draw on the expertise necessary to perform its functions, including from the UNFCCC roster of experts. In this context, it shall take fully into account the consideration of regional balance, in line with the composition of the CGE.

Brazil believes that the CGE should include in its work plan up to the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, *inter alia*, the following item: to develop and agree on its revised rules of procedure, in view of its new tasks, and recommend them to the Conference of the Parties for adoption.

Brazil believes that the Secretariat should enhance its support to the activities of the CGE. Thus, Annex II Parties, and other Parties contained in Annex I in a position to do so, should finance the administrative expenses for the full operation of the CGE by making contributions to the UNFCCC Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities.