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Oral report by the Chair of the TEC

Thank you Mr. Chair,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Technology Executive Committee is the policy arm of the Technology Mechanism established by Parties in 2010. Its general mandate is to support Parties by providing policy recommendations and facilitating technology cooperation to enhance climate technology development and transfer.

Through the Paris Agreement, Parties reiterated their trust in the Technology Mechanism. Parties also requested the TEC to enhance its efforts to scale up action on technology, and work together with other Convention bodies and non-Party stakeholders in supporting the implementation of the Agreement.

In this context, I am pleased to report to you on the progress of the work and achievements of the TEC in 2016. The complete information, including the key messages and recommendations to the COP, is contained in the joint annual report of the TEC and the CTCN for 2016, and submitted for consideration of the SBSTA and SBI.

In this year, the TEC convened two meetings. At its first meeting after Paris, the TEC adopted its rolling workplan for 2016-2018, which responds to mandates from COP21.

Mr. Chair,

Allow me to highlight the outcomes of the TEC work resulting from the implementation of its workplan in 2016:

1. At its first meeting in this year, the TEC held a **thematic dialogue on South-South cooperation on technologies for adaptation**, which aimed to enhance understanding and share experiences among countries, organizations and practitioners working in the area of South-south cooperation on agriculture and water sectors.
2. In the area of technology needs assessment, the TEC finalized **guidance for preparing technology action plans**, designed to support developing countries to bridge the gap between planning climate technology actions and their implementation. This guidance was launched at Bonn Climate Change conference in May 2016.

3. At the same session, the TEC in collaboration with the CTCN, the GCF and the GEF, organized, a **workshop on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism**, as an effort to forge stronger links and cooperation between the two mechanisms.
4. On mitigation, the TEC took forward the outcomes of the technical examination process on mitigation by identifying the **policy options that present the highest potential** to support the scaling-up of mitigation technology action on the ground. Further, in contributing to future organization of TEMs on mitigation, the TEC has identified **a number of potential topics for future TEMs**, based on technologies highlighted by countries through their NDCs, TNAs, and CTCN technical assistance requests.
5. The TEC agreed to **hold a special event** during the Bonn climate change conference in May 2017 on how innovation can support implementation of the technology elements of NDCs and the Paris Agreement
6. The TEC in this year continued to **engage and collaborate with other constituted bodies**, including with: our own sister body the CTCN, the Standing Committee in Finance for providing guidance on technology related matters to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Committee in preparing the TEMs on adaptation, and the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage.

Mr. Chair,

Let me conclude by expressing my sincere gratitude to all members of the TEC for their very valuable contributions in advancing the work of the TEC this year.

The TEC also appreciates the participation of and contribution by UNFCCC observer organizations, intergovernmental organizations and other United Nations organizations to our work.

We are fully committed to taking forward the Paris outcomes to its full implementation.

Finally, I would like to invite Parties to attend the Technology Mechanism side event that will take place on Wednesday 9 November at 18:15 in room Bering.

Thank you very much.