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Record of the facilitative sharing of views during the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Note by the secretariat

I. Background and mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided, by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 63, to conduct under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) international consultation and analysis (ICA) of biennial update reports (BURs) from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in a manner that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty. This process aims to increase the transparency of the mitigation actions and their effects reported by non-Annex I Parties.
2. The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 56, adopted the modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis, contained in annex IV to the same decision (hereinafter referred to as the ICA modalities and guidelines). The COP decided that the first round of ICA would be conducted for developing country Parties commencing within six months of the submission of the first round of BURs by developing country Parties.¹
3. According to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the ICA process consists of two steps: a technical analysis of the BURs of non-Annex I Parties by a team of technical experts, resulting in a summary report for each Party; and a facilitative sharing of views, with the BURs and summary reports serving as input.
4. Pursuant to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the SBI convened on 20 and 21 May 2016 in Bonn, Germany, at SBI 44 the first workshop for the facilitative exchange of views, open to all Parties, for the 13 non-Annex I Parties, including the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (hereinafter referred to as Macedonia), for which there was a BUR and a final summary report by 29 February 2016.² Interested Parties were able to submit written questions in advance. As a result, Macedonia received six written questions in advance from Japan, New Zealand and Switzerland.
5. The first workshop, chaired by the SBI Chair, Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, comprised three three-hour sessions. Each three-hour session covered five Parties in alphabetical order.

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 58(a).

² The BURs and summary reports are available at <<http://unfccc.int/8722.php>>.

6. This record of the facilitative sharing of views for Macedonia summarizes the proceedings and, together with the summary report on the technical analysis of its BUR,³ constitutes the outcome of the first round of ICA for Macedonia.

II. Summary of proceedings

7. During the workshop, Macedonia made a brief presentation on its BUR. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

8. In its presentation Macedonia provided an overview of its institutional arrangements for the preparation of the national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and the key findings therefrom, its mitigation actions and their effects, and identified technological, financial and capacity-building needs and support received. Macedonia mentioned that its GHG emissions in 2012 amounted to 12,265.03 kilotonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, including the land use, land-use change and forestry sector. It highlighted the key challenges of developing the domestic measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) system and the conceptual framework for the MRV of climate mitigation actions. In addition, Macedonia highlighted its planned pathway for the implementation of the domestic MRV framework, outlined the lessons learned from and best practices in the preparation of its BUR and shared its experience of the technical analysis of the BURs.

9. Over the course of the presentation, Macedonia addressed written questions submitted to it in advance through the secretariat by interested Parties.

10. Following the presentation, the following Parties made interventions commending Macedonia for its efforts and asked for further clarification: Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland and United States of America. The questions were mainly focused on the following areas: the national GHG inventory, in particular areas for improvement, the time series and the use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines; the development of its intended nationally determined contribution; and the use of the technical analysis summary report in the preparation of its next BUR.

11. The full details of the presentation and of the subsequent interventions are available in the webcast of the workshop.⁴

12. In closing the workshop, the SBI Chair congratulated Macedonia for a successful facilitative sharing of views and completing the first round of the ICA process. He thanked Macedonia and all other Parties for engaging in the workshop in a truly facilitative manner. He also thanked the secretariat for its support.

³ FCCC/SBI/ICA/2015/TASR.1/MDK.

⁴ Available at <http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/bonn_may_2016/events/2016-05-21-09-05/the-former-yugoslav-republic-of-macedonia>.