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NOTIFICATION

Legal and linguistic review of the text of the draft agreement

At the 5th meeting of its current session, on Saturday, 5 December 2015, the Conference of the Parties (COP), following standard United Nations practice, established an **open-ended group of legal and linguistic experts** with the following mandate:

1. To undertake a technical review of the text of the draft agreement with a view to ensuring that:
 - a. The formulation of the draft provisions is legally and linguistically clear, accurate and consistent, including as between the six authentic language versions of the text; and
 - b. There is consistency and coherence amongst the provisions within articles of the draft agreement and across articles.
2. To present the results of the review to the “Comité de Paris” by close of business on Thursday, 10 December 2015, for the latter’s consideration.

This mandate excludes reopening discussion on any substantive aspect of the draft agreement.

Any recommendations by this group that are accepted by the “Comité de Paris” will be incorporated into the draft text of the agreement that will be submitted for consideration and adoption by the COP on Friday, 11 December 2015.

The COP agreed that:

1. This open-ended group of legal and linguistic experts will have a core membership of 11 representatives, comprising:
 - Two representatives from each of the five regional groups of the United Nations; and,
 - One representative from the small island developing States.

2. The group will be facilitated by two Co-Chairs, appointed by the President of the COP.

Representatives of all Parties will be able to participate in the work of the group.



After informal consultations, the President has appointed the two Co-Chairs as follows:

From Non-Annex I Parties:

Ms. Jimena Nieto Carrasco (Colombia)
Advisor
International Affairs Office
Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development

From Annex I Parties:

Mr. Peter Horne (Australia)
Assistant Director
Sustainability and Climate Change Branch
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Coordinators of the above-mentioned regional groups and of the small-island developing States should submit nominations for the core membership of the group, as detailed above, by filling out the attached form and sending a signed version of the form to the persons whose e-mail addresses are provided hereunder or hand delivering the said form to the offices of the Legal Affairs programme of the secretariat in Le Bourget in Hall 6 by close of business on Monday, 7 December 2015.

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In order for the open-ended group to be able to effectively carry out its mandate, Parties are invited to bear in mind the need for the group to have all the six United Nations languages represented. As nominations are received, they will be posted on the UNFCCC website.

Yours sincerely,

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