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## Summary report on the multilateral assessment of Lithuania at the forty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

### Note by the secretariat

#### I. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties, by decision 1/CP.16, decided that developed country Parties should enhance the reporting in their national communications and submit biennial reports on their progress in achieving emission reductions. It also established a new process under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) – the international assessment and review (IAR) of emissions and removals related to developed country Parties' quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets – that aims to promote the comparability of efforts among all developed country Parties. The second round of the IAR process is to be conducted during the period 2016–2017 (the first round of the IAR process was conducted during the period 2014–2015).

2. According to the modalities and procedures for IAR specified in annex II to decision 2/CP.17, the multilateral assessment (MA), being part of the IAR process, is to be conducted for each developed country Party at a working group session of the SBI, with the participation of all Parties. The aim of the MA is to assess each Party's progress in implementation towards the achievement of emission reductions and removals related to its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target.

3. The second round of MA of Lithuania took place at a working group session during SBI 45, on 14 November 2016. Such a working group session is preceded by a three-month period of questions and answers; in the first month, any Party may submit written questions to the Party being assessed, which may respond to the questions within the remaining two months. Questions for Lithuania had been submitted in writing two months before the working group session by the following delegations: Brazil, China and Switzerland. A list of the questions received and the answers provided by Lithuania can be found on the IAR web page for Lithuania.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <<http://unfccc.int/9713.php>>.

## II. Proceedings

4. The working group session was chaired by the SBI Chair, Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow. Lithuania was represented by Ms. Stasilė Znutienė, Head of the Climate Change Policy Division, Pollution Prevention Department, Ministry of Environment.

5. Ms. Znutienė made an opening presentation, summarizing Lithuania's progress in implementation towards the achievement of emission reductions and removals related to its quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets. Emissions, excluding those from the land use, land-use change and forestry sector, decreased by 58.0 per cent between 1990 and 2014. Ms. Znutienė noted that, over the same period, the Lithuania's gross domestic product increased by 29.0 per cent, indicating a decoupling of emissions from economic growth.

6. Ms. Znutienė presented the Lithuania's target for 2020 for emissions from sectors not covered by the European Union Emissions Trading System (non-ETS sectors) as contained in the European Union 2020 climate and energy package. Lithuania has a target to limit its emissions growth to 15 per cent above the 2005 level by 2020 from non-ETS sectors. According to Ms. Znutienė, Lithuania expects to achieve its target for 2020 for non-ETS sectors. In order to achieve this, Lithuania has put in place a range of policies and measures, in particular, on renewable energy, energy efficiency, transport, industry and agriculture.

7. The opening presentation was followed by questions from the following delegations: China and India. China requested Lithuania to provide further details on Lithuania's Energy Efficiency Action Plan and India asked for details regarding the monitoring, reporting and verification mechanisms in place for the mitigation actions reported in CTF table 3. In response, Lithuania provided further explanations. Details can be found in the webcast of this session on the IAR web page for Lithuania.

8. In closing, the SBI Chair reminded Lithuania that it can submit any other observations on its MA process within two months of the working group session, and that they will form part of its Party record for the MA. The SBI Chair thanked the delegation of Lithuania, all the other delegations, and the secretariat for this successful MA session.

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