

Stocktaking exercise: assessing progress on the implementation of the work program post-Paris

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Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, SBI Chair*

Thank you, Madame President,

Madame President, the agenda for this SBI session is framed around advancing implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol and initiating the tasks stemming from the Paris outcome. These tasks are reflected in the following new items:

- The scope and modalities for the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism;
- The terms of reference for the Paris Committee on capacity-building;
- The development of modalities for the operation and use a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement;
- The development of modalities for the operation and use a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement;
- And as already mentioned by my friend and SBSTA Chair Mr. Fuller, the joint items on response measures and the scope of the review under the Convention.

Parties are committed to work tirelessly in the spirit carried forward from Paris. To that end, I am happy to report that on two of the items I just referred to, the work planned at the session has been already concluded. On the remaining items, work is under way. On the basis of the texts that are being tabled for those items I can see that Parties are keen to make significant progress. However, they still need some time to share their understanding and clearly define their views during the open consultations.

Madame President, the SBI is indeed moving forward on pre-2020 action and on the implementation of the provisions under the Paris Agreement by developing the tools and mechanisms for this implementation and by enhancing the role and participation of non-state actors. I am thinking in particular of following mandated events:

- **The adaptation and mitigation technical expert meetings** – So far we had **one such** meeting that centered on social and economic value of carbon. This meeting provided an opportunity to Parties and specialized international organizations, partnerships and private sector institutions to discuss how early mitigation action could be recognized in the pre-2020 period and how new investment instruments could be used to attract additional sources of climate finance. Three other meetings are planned for next week.
- **The first FSV workshop under the ICA process** where 13 developing country Parties made impressive, clear and informative presentations. The excellent follow-up questions aimed at getting further clarity on experiences, lessons learned and best practice, and challenges and constraints encountered, including capacity building needs. I am confident that the FSV process, guided by the principles of respect for sovereignty, non-intrusiveness, and non-punitiveness, will help to build trust and confidence as Parties develop the transparency regime under the Paris Agreement.
- **The 5th meeting of the Durban Forum on capacity-building**, where state and non-state actors, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector, the youth, women and indigenous peoples engage in discussions on topics related to capacity-building. The Durban Forum which took place during this session was focused on enhancing capacity to implement the Paris Agreement, and addressed topics such as capacity-building related to nationally determined contributions, capacity needs for accessing financial resources, and for meeting the reporting requirements under the Paris Agreement.

- **The 4th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment**, which provided a forum to Parties and other stakeholders to share their experiences, exchange ideas, good practices and lessons learned regarding the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention on education, training and public awareness, which importance was recognized in enhancing action under the Paris agreement.
- **A workshop on gender-responsive climate change policy**, which has produced a rich set of ideas for next steps in advancing the Lima work programme on advancing gender responsive climate policy and the participation and empowerment of women under the UNFCCC process and at the national level.
- **A workshop on the linkages between the technology mechanism and the financial mechanism.** The significance of this event is underlined by the opportunity that it provides to look in a holistic and inclusive way at technology and finance.

Madame President, I stand ready to work under your guidance and in close cooperation with the other Presiding officers; and will continue to **engage with all Parties – and all non-state actors - on all issues in the SBI agenda**, to ensure progress on the tasks arising from the Paris Agreement and its timely implementation.

Thank you.