

Draft decision on workstream 2 of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

5 October 2015

This Insertion of language is proposed by Kuwait on behalf of the Arab Group

Pp1 Recalling that the work of WS2 is under the convention, its principles and provisions, in particular Article 2, 3 and 4 of the Convention

Pp2 Reaffirming that the policies and measures undertaken by developed country Parties and other Parties under Annex I of the Convention to deal with climate change should be cost effective so as to ensure global benefits at the lowest possible cost, such policies and measures should take into account different socio-economic contexts, be comprehensive, cover all relevant sources, sinks and reservoirs of all greenhouse gases and adaptation, and comprise all economic sectors,

Pp1 Recalling decisions 1/CP.17, 2/CP.18, 1/CP.19 and 1/CP.20,

Pp2 Resolving to uphold and promote international cooperation to enhance the implementation of the Convention and to mobilize stronger more ambitious climate action by all ~~actors~~, and to mobilize stronger climate action by all,

Pp3 ~~Noting~~Emphasizing that enhanced pre-2020 ambition ~~can serve to increase on mitigation, adaptation, provision of means of implementation, including technology transfer, finance and capacity building will lay the foundation to enhance post-2020 ambition and that actions taken to enhance pre-2020 ambition could be applicable will have significant implications~~ in a post-2020 context,

Acknowledging the legitimate needs of developing country Parties for the achievement of sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty, so as to be able to deal with climate change

Affirming that fulfilling the ultimate objective of the Convention will require strengthening the multilateral, rules-based regime and the urgent and sustained implementation of existing commitments under the Convention.

Pp4 Stressing the urgency of accelerating pre-2020 mitigation ambition,

Pp5 Emphasizing the enduring benefits of taking early action,

Pp6 Urging Parties to act with the highest possible ambition in the interest of promoting the transition to a low-emission global economy,

1. Invites each Party that has not already done so to ratify the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol;
2. Urges each Party that has not already done so to make a pre-2020 mitigation pledge under the Cancun Agreements;
3. Reiterates its resolve as set out in 1/CP.19, paragraphs 3 and 4, to accelerate the full implementation of the decisions constituting the agreed outcome pursuant to decision 1/CP.13 and enhance ambition in the pre-2020 period in order to ensure the highest possible mitigation efforts under the Convention by all Parties;
4. Promotes the voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions, without double counting, by Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including of certified emission reductions issued under the clean development mechanism;
5. Resolves to strengthen, in the period 2016–2020, the technical examination of opportunities with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation, health and sustainable development co-benefits, with a focus on accelerating the implementation of actions, including by:

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- (a) Encouraging Parties, Convention bodies, international organizations, international cooperative initiatives and non-Party stakeholders to engage actively and effectively in this process and to cooperate in facilitating the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process, including in accordance with national sustainable development priorities;
 - (b) Striving to improve access to and participation in this process by developing country Party experts;
 - (c) Requesting the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, in accordance with their respective mandates, to:
 - (i) Engage in the technical expert meetings in order to enhance the effective coordination and provision of support;
 - (ii) Enhance their efforts to facilitate and support Parties in scaling up the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process;
 - (d) Encouraging Parties to make effective use of the Climate Technology Centre and Network in order to support the development of economically, environmentally and socially viable project proposals in the high potential areas identified in this process;
6. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the technical examination referred to in paragraph 5 above and disseminate its results, including by:
- (a) Organizing regular technical expert meetings focusing on specific policies, practices and actions representing best practice and with the potential to be scalable and replicable;
 - (b) Updating on an annual basis, following the meetings referred to in paragraph 6(a) above and in time to serve as input to the summary for policymakers referred to in paragraph 6(c) below, a technical paper on the mitigation benefits of policies, practices and actions to enhance mitigation ambition;
 - (c) Preparing a summary for policymakers and publishing it well in advance of each meeting of the Conference of the Parties as input for the high-level dialogues referred to in paragraph 18 below;
 - (d) Strengthening intra-convention cooperation and coordination, such as by organizing meetings with representatives of relevant Convention bodies to consider ways to accelerate the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process and the provision of support necessary for their implementation;

6bis. Decides to launch an accelerated implementation process for pre-2020 to address, *inter alia*, the following:

a) Sharing the experiences by Parties on accelerating the implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Decision

1/CP.19 and para.17 and 18 of Decision 1/CP.20;

b) Taking stock of the progress by institutional arrangements on accelerating the implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Decision 1/CP.19 and paragraphs 17 and 18 of Decision 1/CP.20;

c) Assessing the adequacy of finance, technology transfer and capacity-building support to developing countries in a holistic manner, including their sustained implementation, informed by the measurement, reporting and verification of the support under the existing finance and technology mechanisms and developing recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on further guidance on the institutional arrangements under the Convention;

d) Facilitating further measures on the preparation and implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation actions supported by finance, technology and capacity-building by developed country Parties;

e) Evaluating the current arrangements for measurement, reporting and verification of means of implementation from developed to developing country Parties;

f) Sharing experiences on and addressing economic diversification;

g) Addressing the negative economic and social consequences of the implementation of response measures on developing countries;

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h) Addressing the adequacy of the commitments and provision of financial and technological support by developed country Parties including their sustained implementation, informed by the measurement, reporting and verification of support under the existing financial and technological mechanisms;

7. *Decides* to launch a technical examination process on adaptation beginning in 2016, recognizing the unique characteristics, stakeholders, and needs of cooperative action on adaptation with a view to enhance and complement existing arrangements under the Convention by addressing, *inter alia*;

a) Enhancing the implementation of policies, practices and processes related to transfer and diffusion of technological know-how, including the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans;

b) Identifying actions that could significantly enhance adaptation implementation which can enhance economic diversification and also those that have mitigation co-benefits, including through the national adaptation plans;

c) Enabling adaptation financing (in accordance with Articles 4.4 and 4.9, among others) to implement identified actions and to ensure the formulation and full implementation of national adaptation planning processes;

d) Enabling technology support and needs assessments (including appropriateness) as well as capacity building to formulate and implement identified projects, programmes and activities;

e) Developing methodologies to assess adaptation costs and needs and adequacy of support;

f) Continuing to promote cooperation on concrete actions on adaptation in accordance with nationally defined development priorities;

g) Requesting the secretariat to develop a technical synthesis and summary for policy makers of each technical expert meeting including the gaps in means of implementation;

7. *Decides* that the technical examination referred to in paragraph 5 above should be continued under the [COP] and occur on an ongoing basis until 2020;

8. *Decides* to conduct, in 2018, an assessment of the technical examination referred to in paragraph 5 above with the aim of improving its effectiveness;

9. *Recognizes* the need to enhance finance, technology and capacity-building support to the efforts of developing country Parties related to pre-2020 action;

10. *Reiterates* its request to the Standing Committee on Finance to explore how it can enhance its work on the measurement, reporting and verification of support on the basis of the best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions;

11. *Reemphasizes* its request to developed country Parties, in preparing their updated biennial submissions on strategies and approaches for scaling up climate finance for the period 2016–2020, to enhance the available quantitative and qualitative elements of a pathway, placing greater emphasis on the transparency and predictability of financial flows;

12. [*Decides* to conduct a facilitative and exploratory dialogue in conjunction with the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties (2017) with a view to identifying ways to accelerate the implementation of commitments under the Convention in the pre-2020 period, including:

(a) Opportunities to enhance the ambition of mitigation efforts by all Parties;

(b) Opportunities to enhance the provision and mobilization of finance, technology and capacity-building support to developing country Parties in a holistic manner;]¹

¹ This paragraph is similar to paragraph 18 in the draft decision (section II) contained in [ADP.2015.8.InformalNote](#). Parties may wish to consider whether these paragraphs overlap, and if so whether to reconcile them.

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13. [*Invites* Parties and accredited observer organizations to submit to the secretariat by [x date] their views on the matter referred to in paragraph 12 above;]
14. [*Also invites* Convention bodies to provide expert inputs on the matter referred to in paragraph 12 above;]
15. *Welcomes* the efforts of non-Party stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, financial institutions, cities and other subnational authorities, local communities and indigenous peoples, to scale up their climate actions and provide further opportunities for Parties to reduce emissions and/or to build resilience and decrease vulnerability to the adverse effects of climate change;
16. *Invites* non-Party stakeholders to demonstrate their climate actions through mechanisms such as the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA) platform;
17. *Acknowledges* with appreciation the results of the Lima–Paris Action Agenda, which build on the climate summit convened on 23 September 2014 by the United Nations Secretary-General;
18. *Agrees* to convene, in conjunction with each meeting of the Conference of the Parties from 2016 to 2020 and building on the Lima–Paris Action Agenda and the event referred to in paragraph 19(a) below, high-level dialogues that:
 - (a) Provide an opportunity for announcing efforts, voluntary initiatives and coalitions of Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including policies, practices and actions arising from the technical examinations referred to in paragraph 5 above and presented in the summary for policymakers referred to in paragraph 6(b) above;
 - (b) Take stock of progress and recognize the efforts, voluntary initiatives and coalitions referred to in paragraph 18(a) above;
 - (c) Provide meaningful and regular opportunities for the effective engagement of experts from Parties, international organizations, international cooperative initiatives and non-Party stakeholders;
19. [*Decides* that two high-level champions shall be appointed to facilitate, through strengthened high-level engagement, the scaling up and launching of initiatives, including those that implement policies, practices and actions arising from the technical examinations referred to in paragraph 5 above, including by:
 - (a) Working with the Executive Secretary and the current and incoming presidents of the Conference of the Parties to coordinate the annual high-level event on enhancing the implementation of climate action pursuant to decision 1/CP.20, paragraph 21, and the high-level dialogues referred to in paragraph 18 above;
 - (b) Coordinating with the secretariat on the organization of technical expert meetings referred to in paragraph 6(a) above;
 - (c) Engaging intensively with Parties and non-Party stakeholders to further the activities referred to in paragraph 5 above;]
20. [*Also decides* that each incoming presidency of the Conference of the Parties shall appoint one of the champions referred to in paragraph 19 above to serve for a two-year term such that their terms overlap for a full year in the interest of promoting continuity and a smooth transition, and, accordingly:
 - (a) *Invites* the host of the twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to appoint one champion, who shall serve from the date of the appointment until the first day of the twenty-second meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2016);
 - (b) *Invites* the host of the twenty-first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to appoint one champion, who shall serve from the date of the appointment until the first day of the twenty-third meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2017);
 - (c) *Invites* the host of the twenty-second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to appoint one champion, who shall serve from the first day of the twenty-second meeting of the Conference of the Parties until the first day of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2018);]
21. [*Invites* interested Parties and relevant organizations to provide support for the work of the champions referred to in paragraph 19 above;]
22. [*Requests* the secretariat, in consultation with the current and incoming presidents of the Conference of the Parties, to make arrangements facilitating the provision of support referred to in paragraph 21 above;]
23. *Notes* the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision and requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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Remove Brackets on adaptation

Add the following as number 7 above

[Further discussion is needed on whether and how to address adaptation in the context of workstream 2. Potential concepts and language follow, for consideration by Parties:

- *Decides to conduct, in the period 2016–2020, a technical examination of opportunities to enhance adaptation action and*
- *support, including those with mitigation co-benefits, address gaps in implementation, knowledge, technology, capacity and finance, share best practices, and accelerate action on the ground, building on the lessons learned from the technical examination of opportunities with high mitigation potential, recognizing the unique characteristics, stakeholders, and needs of cooperative action on adaptation, and also recognizing the need to build on work, without duplication, being conducted under existing arrangements and institutions under the Convention;*
- *Requests the secretariat to facilitate the technical examination referred to in paragraph X above and disseminate its results, taking into account the work of, inter alia, the Adaptation Committee, Least Developed Countries Expert Group and activities under the Nairobi work programme, including by:*
 - (a) *Organizing regular technical expert meetings focusing on specific policies, practices and actions representing good practice and with the potential to be scalable and replicable;*
 - (b) *Preparing, on an annual basis, following the meetings referred to in paragraph (a) above and in time to serve as input to the summary for policymakers referred to in paragraph (c) below, a technical paper on opportunities to enhance adaptation action and support;*
 - (c) *Preparing a summary for policymakers and publishing it well in advance of each session of the Conference of the Parties as input for the high-level dialogues referred to in paragraph 18 above;*
 - (d) *Strengthening intra-convention cooperation and coordination to consider ways to accelerate the implementation of policies, practices and actions identified during this process and the provision of support necessary for their implementation.]*