

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS 28 MEMBERS STATES

ELEMENTS FOR A COP 21 DECISION ON ENHANCING MITIGATION AMBITION PRE-2020

Preamble:

- Welcome the important contribution made by the Lima Paris Action Agenda and the engagement from Parties and non-state actors.
- Express grave concern about the pre-2020 gap and the need to enhance pre-2020 mitigation ambition.
- Recall the mandate of Durban to launch a work plan on enhancing mitigation ambition to identify and to explore options for a range of actions that can close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties;
- Recall decision 1.CP.20, paragraphs 19 and 20 on the continuation of the technical examination process (TEP) and on making recommendations in relation to further advancing it;
- Recognise the role of the UNFCCC in catalysing scaled-up action in areas of high mitigation potential and the benefits of a technical examination process;
- Recognise opportunities for increased multilateral collaboration, including the involvement of non-state actors;

Objective:

- To further advance the technical examination process as mandated in 1/CP.20 paragraph 20, which could sit under the COP.

Elements:

High-level segment

- Convene regular in-session high-level dialogues, as part of the events referred to in 1/CP.20, paragraph 21, with engagement of non-state actors, to consider possibilities and provide a space for announcing action and collaboration on the policy options presented in the summary for policy makers, and take stock of progress.

Technical Expert Process

- Recall the mandate for the secretariat to organize Technical Expert Meetings (TEMs) as set out in 1/CP.20, para 19(a). To further request this is done in cooperation with relevant Convention bodies and international organisations, and that TEMs are regular and focus on policy options that are scalable and replicable and represent best or good practice.
- Invite relevant outside actors, including other international organisations, to engage effectively in the TEMs, and to submit their suggestions and recommendations, including from regional events, to the TEP.
- Confirm the request to the Secretariat to update the technical paper on the mitigation and other benefits of actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition, and to publish a summary for policymakers, as set-out in 1/CP.20 paragraph 19.c. Further request that this summary for policymakers is published at least three months in advance of each of the high-level dialogues referred above.

Convention bodies and outside actors

- Encourage convention bodies and relevant international institutions and outside actors to cooperate on facilitating the implementation of policy options from the TEP.
- Request that the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to enhance their efforts to facilitate and support Parties in scaling up mitigation action through the implementation of the policy options identified in the TEP, and to report on their efforts on doing this in their annual report to the COP.

Review

- Periodically review the effectiveness of this process within the period 2016-2020 to learn lessons and hone a well develop approach over time, which could serve as a basis to inform a similar process beyond 2020.