

Work of the Spin-off group on Preamble, Article 2 and Article 2bis and related decision paragraphs

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A. DRAFT AGREEMENT

[The Parties to this Agreement,

Pp1 *Being* Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"),

Pp2 *In ~~furtherance~~ pursuit* of the objective of the Convention [as set out in its Article 2], -[and in accordance with the] [principles and provisions] of the Convention [as set out in its Articles 2, 3 and 4], [[including][in particular] the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities [in the light of different national circumstances],]

Pp3 ~~Recalling~~ Pursuant to the Durban mandate on the establishment of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action set out in decisions 1/CP.17 [and recalling decisions 2/CP.18, 1/CP.19 and 1/CP.20],

Pp4 *[Taking* account of the [particular vulnerabilities and specific needs of][particularly vulnerable][urgent and immediate needs and special circumstances of] developing country Parties, especially [those that are particularly vulnerable, including] the least developed country (LDC) Parties [and other Parties identified in Article 4, paragraph 8, of the Convention], small island developing States (SIDS) [,small mountainous developing States] and Africa, [and the Central American isthmus]] *[Taking full account* of the specific needs and special situations of the LDCs and SIDS arising from the adverse impacts of climate change],

~~*Pp4bis*~~ *[Taking full account* of the specific needs and specific situations of the least developed countries in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention],

Pp5 *[Recognizing* the intrinsic relationship between climate change, poverty eradication and sustainable development and *reaffirming* that the response to climate change should be coordinated with social and economic development [in an integrated manner] with a view to avoiding adverse impacts [of response measures on the latter], taking into full account the legitimate priority [needs] of developing countries and their rights to equitable access to sustainable development for the achievement of sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty,] *[recognizing* the importance of promoting social and economic development in harmony with nature as the fundamental requirement for addressing climate change,],

Pp6 *[Emphasizing* the need for [universal and] sustained action [by all][in accordance with the Convention] to respond to the urgent threat of climate change on the basis of the best available ~~[and universally recognized]~~ scientific knowledge, [including, inter alia,][in particular] the assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change[, and inputs and resources from Parties]],

Pp7 *Recognizing* the outcomes of the 2013–2015 review[, including the report on the structured expert dialogue on the review, which recognizes that "significant climate impacts are already occurring at the current level of global warming and additional magnitudes of warming will only increase the risk of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts"],

Pp8 *[Noting* that the largest share of historical global emissions of greenhouse gases has originated in developed countries, that per capita emissions in developing countries are still relatively low and that the share of global emissions originating in developing countries will grow to meet their social and development needs,]

Pp9 *[Recognizing* that Parties should take action to address climate change in accordance with [relevant][evolving economic and emission] trends, which will continue to evolve post-2020 [and the principles and provisions of the Convention],]

Pp10 *Emphasizing* the importance of respecting and taking into account [, subject to jurisdiction] [right to development,] human rights, [including people under occupation], gender equality [and women's empowerment], [the rights of indigenous peoples,] [local communities,] intergenerational equity concerns, and the needs of [migrants] [particularly vulnerable groups] [people in vulnerable situations], [including people under [foreign] occupation,] women, children and persons with disabilities, when taking action to address climate change,

Pp11 Also emphasizing the importance of aligning actions with the goal of promoting food security and livelihood security, restoration of degraded lands, health and ecosystem integrity, participation in environmental decision-making by civil society and individuals, and a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities and strategies [towards environmentally sustainable economies for all],

*Pp12 **Option 1:** Recognizing the importance and special characteristics of land use, including forests, in relation to, inter alia, food security, diverse land management systems, removals as well as emissions, multiple sustainability objectives, disturbance, permanence, legacy and non-anthropogenic effects,*

***Option 2:** Recognizing the fundamental priority of the international community in the eradication of hunger and safeguarding food security,*

Pp13 Recognizing the critical role played by sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases, [such as forests,] through mitigation and adaptation actions, [including REDD-plus,] [and the Joint Mitigation and Adaptation Mechanism] in attaining the stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere, conserving biological diversity, restoring ecosystems and enhancing ecosystem services, including food security, while acknowledging their vulnerability to climate change and associated natural disturbances,

Pp14 Reaffirming the crucial importance of education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and international cooperation on these matters for promoting changes in lifestyles, attitudes and behaviour needed [to foster low-emission and climate-resilient development] and to mobilize public support for climate policies and action, [recognizing that sustainable lifestyles and sustainable patterns of consumption and production play an important role in addressing climate change, [with the lead of developed countries] and recognizing the important role that subnational and local authorities, as well as non-state actors and the private sector, play in addressing climate change,

Pp15 [Acknowledging that putting a price on carbon is an important approach for the cost-effectiveness of the cuts in global greenhouse gas emissions,]

Have agreed as follows:

B. DRAFT DECISION

[The Conference of the Parties,

Pp1 Recalling decision 1/CP.17 on the establishment of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action,

Pp2 Also recalling relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties including 2/CP.18, 1/CP.19 and 1/CP.20,

Pp3 Welcoming the outcome of “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” in particular its goal 13, and the outcome of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,

Pp4 Recognizing that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet and thus requires the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, with a view to accelerating the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions, also recognizing that deep cuts in global emissions will be required to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention and emphasizing the need for urgency to address climate change,

Pp5 Also emphasizing the importance of respecting and taking into account human rights, gender equality, the rights of indigenous peoples, intergenerational concerns and the needs of particularly vulnerable groups, including women, children and persons with disabilities, when taking action to address climate change, as well as of aligning actions with the goal of promoting food security, the restoration of degraded lands, national health policies, participation in environmental decision-making by civil society and individuals, and a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs, in accordance with nationally defined development priorities and strategies,