

China's Submission on the 2013—2015 Review

In response to the joint message from the Chairs of the SBSTA and SBI dated 7 March 2013, China would like to make the following views on the 2013-2015 Review:

1. The Objective of the Review

The Review is not a review of the Convention itself and it should aim at assessing the implementation of commitments under the Convention. The Review shall lead to the achievement of the objectives of the Convention under Article 2, with a view to identifying gaps to achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention and enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention.

2. The Principles of the Review

The Review is under the Convention and shall be guided by the principles of the Convention, especially the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and shall be conducted in full accordance with the relevant provisions of the UNFCCC, especially Articles 4.1, 4.2(b), 4.2(d), 4.3, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 7.2(a), 7.2(e), 10.2(a), 10.2(b), 12.1, 12.2 of the Convention.

3. The Scope of the Review

Consistent with the scope of the 2013-2015 Review as defined in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 138, and as further defined in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 79, the scope of the Review shall include two parts, namely to assess (a) the adequacy of the long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention; (b) the overall progress made towards achieving the long-term global goal, including consideration of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention.” These two parts shall be treated on an equal footing and in a holistic and balanced manner.

In the latter part, the Review should cover (1) the adequacy of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention, in particular the adequacy and effectiveness of the binding and ambitious emission reduction commitments of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, and the commitments of Parties included in Annex II to the Convention for the provision of financial resources and the transfer of technology and capacity-building to developing countries, given that the extent of adaptation costs is contingent on meeting the necessary emission reduction commitments; and (2) The adverse social and economic

impacts of the implementation of response measures to mitigate climate change on developing country Parties, such as unilateral measures.

4. The Information to Be Considered in the Review, Including Its Workshops

The information to be considered in the Review, including its workshops, should fully take into account its objective, principles and scope. The Review should provide comprehensive and balanced information for decision-making. Various sources of information were indicated, in a non-exclusive manner, in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161. In this context, the information for the Review, including its workshops, should be open and inclusive, especially considering submissions from Parties, relevant reports from Parties and international organizations. Parties should be allowed to provide submissions and inputs at any phases of the Review, which should be taken into full consideration and given high priority.

IPCC has examined thousands of scientific information on climate change, which could provide important input for the Review process. The Review should not repeat the work of IPCC and look into the scientific information already assessed by IPCC. Instead, it should focus on the information relevant to the implementation of the commitments under the Convention which was outside the work scope of IPCC. Parties and accredited organizations should be invited to provide adequate information to facilitate such assessment.

5. The Organization of the Review, Including Its Workshops

The Review shall be conducted in a party-driven and transparent manner, ensuring the full participation of Parties through adequate funding support from the UNFCCC Secretariat to the representatives of developing country Parties in their participation in all phases and activities of the Review, including meetings, workshops and sessions.