

**Decision X/CP.17**

**Clarifying, consolidating and enhancing nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recognizing* that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet, and thus requires to be urgently addressed by all Parties,

*Further recognizing* that such urgent action includes deep cuts in global greenhouse gas emissions according to science, and as documented in the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, with a view to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions so as to hold the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C above preindustrial levels,

*Recalling* the nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions submitted by developed and developing country Parties in the context of paragraphs 36 and 49 of 1/CP.16,

*Urging* Parties to take all steps necessary to fulfil those targets and actions,

*Aware of* the need to increase mitigation ambition and achieve the peaking of global and national greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible in order to achieve the long term global goal, while recognizing that the time frame for peaking will be longer in developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the transparency and comparability of nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions can drive ambition through providing Parties with confidence that they are part of a wider global effort, and in that context, *welcoming* the work already undertaken to enhance mutual understanding of the assumptions and conditions underlying Parties' targets and actions,

**I. Clarifying and recording nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions**

1. *Notes* the nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions contained in FCCC/SB/2010/INF.1.Rev.1 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/INF.1 submitted pursuant to paragraphs 36 and 49 of 1/CP.16 and *agrees* to establish an efficient and transparent process to record and regularly update these documents to provide new and additional information about targets and actions;
2. *Requests* Parties that are implementing, or will implement, nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions, including those submitted in the context of paragraphs 36 and 49 of 1/CP.16, to submit complete and current information on those targets and actions to the secretariat by 29 February 2012 for compilation into updated documents based on FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1.Rev.1 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/INF.1, including, as appropriate:
  - (a) the reference value of the target or action (such as the base year, reference year, and/or business-as-usual and GDP trajectory);
  - (b) the gases and sectors covered by the target or action;
  - (c) the averaging or commitment period of the target or action;

- (d) the global warming potential values used (if different from those listed in the Fourth Assessment Report);
  - (e) all relevant assumptions including the role of land-use, land-use change and forestry, and market mechanisms; and
  - (f) any other relevant information;
3. *Requests* Parties, where possible, to submit the information requested in paragraph 2 in the templates contained in appendix X;
  4. *Agrees* such information should relate to targets or actions that are being implemented, or will be implemented. Information on targets or actions that are contingent on international support or other conditions will be recorded in the registry in accordance with paragraph 56 of 1/CP.16;
  5. *Further requests* Parties, where relevant and appropriate, to submit to the secretariat for compilation into updated INF documents, by February 2013, 2014, and 2015, any updated or new information on nationally appropriate mitigation targets or actions, taking into account the desirability of enhanced transparency and comparability of targets or actions. Where a Party does not submit updated or new information in accordance with this paragraph, the information previously submitted by a Party to the secretariat will be contained in the subsequent INF document, unless a Party expressly notifies the secretariat of its intention to withdraw the previously submitted information;

## **II. Transparency and accounting**

6. *Recognises* that the transparency and comparability of Parties nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions, including the assumptions and methodologies underlying such targets and actions, builds confidence and trust amongst Parties which facilitates concerted and enhanced global ambition;
7. *Agrees* that transparency and comparability is best facilitated through a common accounting framework for defining targets and actions.<sup>1</sup> Such a framework should include common elements together with sufficient flexibility to promote participation, innovation and take account of national circumstances and capacities;
8. *Accordingly decides* on a work program to further enhance the transparency and comparability of the information communicated under paragraph 2, including the development of a common accounting framework, taking into account:
  - (a) Developments and updates in existing rules, guidelines and processes in national communications and national inventories;
  - (b) Developments in guidelines on biennial reports;
  - (c) Developments and elaborations in any IPCC good practice guidances;
  - (d) Differing national circumstances and capacities of Parties.

The Parties will present the outcomes of this work program at COP 18, with a view to deciding a common accounting framework that facilitates the environmental integrity, transparency, and comparability of nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions.

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<sup>1</sup> This may include a consolidation of accounting rules for national communications and biennial reports, and any amendments thereto.

9. *Decides* that Parties should establish a process with the aim of quantifying or estimating the projected net emissions impact of their nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions, taking into account any common accounting framework developed under paragraph 8 and further information contained in Parties' first biennial reports. The quantifications or estimations will be used for the purpose of tracking progress to achieving the global goal including under paragraph 10, and will further promote the transparency of targets and actions.

### **III. Achieving the global goal: increasing ambition in the context of the review**

10. *Decides* to establish a Party-driven process for submitting, as appropriate, new or enhanced nationally appropriate mitigation targets and actions following the conclusion of the review in 2015, with a view to increasing ambition over time, taking into account the findings and recommendations of the review, and different national circumstances, capacities and priorities.