

Agenda item 4

Review: further definition of its scope and development of its modalities

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[Option 1]

Affirming that the review is not a review of the Convention itself but aims to assess the implementation of commitments under the Convention,

Affirming that the adequacy of the long-term global goal can only be understood in the context of such a goal achieving the objectives of the Convention under Article 2, with a view to identifying gaps in achieving the ultimate objective and to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention,

Recalling decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 4, 138, 139 and 140,

Recalling in particular decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 140, which requests the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention to further define the scope of the review and develop its modalities,

[Option 2]

Reaffirming that the review is not a review of the Convention itself,

Recalling decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 4, 138, 139 and 140,

[Option 3]

No preambular paragraph,

[Further definition of its scope]

[Category 1]

1. *Reaffirms* that the review should periodically assess the adequacy of the long-term global goal, in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention, and the overall progress made towards achieving it, in accordance with the relevant principles and provisions of the Convention;

[Category 2]

2. *Decides* that the review should assess the following: the adequacy of the long-term global goal, in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention, and the overall progress made towards achieving it, in accordance with the relevant principles and provisions of the Convention; the adequacy of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention, in particular the adequacy and effectiveness of emission reduction commitments by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, and commitments made by Parties included in Annex II to the Convention for the provision of financial resources and transfer of technology and capacity-building to developing

* The fourth part of the session will be held in conjunction with the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties. The AWG-LCA will present the results of its work to the COP for consideration as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 143. The closing date of the session of the AWG-LCA will be determined in Durban.

countries for their mitigation and adaptation actions; and the adverse social and economic impacts on developing country Parties;

[Modalities]

3. The review shall be conducted in accordance with the objective, principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 2, Article 4, paragraphs 1, 2(b) and (d), 3, 5 and 7, Article 7, paragraph 2(e), Article 10, paragraph 2(a) and (b), Article 12, paragraph 1, and Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Convention;

[Considerations]

4. The review should be guided by the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and should take into account, inter alia, the following:

(a) The best available scientific knowledge, including the assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

(a) Observed impacts of climate change;

(b) An assessment of the overall aggregated effect of the steps taken by Parties in order to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention;

(c) Consideration of strengthening the long-term global goal, referencing various matters presented by the science, including in relation to temperature rises of 1.5 °C;

(d) The economic circumstances and capabilities of Parties;

(e) Equity;

(f) Common but differentiated responsibilities;

(g) The environmental, social and economic impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation, particularly on the sustainable development of developing countries;

(h) The adequacy and effectiveness of mitigation commitments of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

(i) The overall aggregated effects of voluntary mitigation actions of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention in the context of Article 4, paragraph 7, of the Convention;

(j) The extent, adequacy and effectiveness of the provision of finance, technology and capacity-building support from developed countries to developing countries under the Convention, including the following:

(i) The financial and technological needs of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention to undertake adaptation and voluntary mitigation actions consistent with the Convention;

(ii) The extent to which finance is provided by developed countries to developing countries in accordance with the Convention;

(iii) The types, extent and effectiveness of technologies transferred by developed countries to developing countries in accordance with the Convention;

(k) Emission pathways, policies and measures, technology availability, and cost projections;

(l) Implications of trends in emissions and capabilities for mitigation and other responsibilities under the Convention;

(i) Avoided damage and the benefits of lowering the long-term global goal to 1.5 °C;

[Inputs]

5. The review should be based on various information sources, including the following:

(a) The assessment and special reports [and technical papers] of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

(b) Submissions by Parties and national communications, first biennial update reports from developing countries and biennial reports from developed countries, national inventories, reports of international consultation and analysis, international analysis and review, and other relevant reports from Parties and processes under the Convention, including those on the provision on finance and technology transfer to developing countries under the Convention;

(b)alt National communications and other relevant reports by Parties and processes under the Convention;

(c) Other relevant reports from United Nation agencies and other international organizations, including reports on emissions projections, technology development, access, transfer and deployment, and reports on gross domestic products, including projections;

(c)alt. Other relevant reports from international and regional organizations;

(d) Scientific information on the observed impacts of climate change, including those coordinated by relevant regional and subregional agencies;

(e) The reports of the Review Expert Body;

[Body to oversee the review]

[Category 1 – existing bodies]

6. *Recalling* the relevant paragraphs of decision 1/CP.16, *decides* that the review [shall][should] be conducted [by][under the authority of] the Conference of the Parties, [with the [advice][assistance] of][through][by] the [Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation][Review Expert Body][, with technical/intersessional support, as appropriate]];

[Category 2 – new advisory expert body]

7. *Decides* that the Review Expert Body will conduct a process during 2013 and 2014 on issues referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph[s] 4 and [138];

8. *Decides* that the Review Expert Body will present a report on its findings to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session and at its twentieth session;

9. *Decides* that [the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its forty-second and forty-third sessions][an Ad hoc Working Group on the Review to be established with a lifespan of one year at the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties] will consider the reports of the Review Expert Body and prepare conclusions including options for appropriate action, pursuant to 1/CP.16, paragraph 139(c), for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session in 2015 with a view to adopting a decision on this matter at that session;

10. *Also decides* that the Review Expert Body shall have 40 members, with 20 members from developed country Parties and 20 members from developing country Parties, with members having expertise, knowledge and skills in the area of climate change science and mitigation [, with the following composition:

(a) Four members from the Africa region;

(b) Four members from the Asia region;

(c) Four members from the Latin America and the Caribbean region;

(d) Three members from the Eastern Europe region;

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- (e) Two members from small island developing States;
 - (f) Three members from least developed country Parties;]

11. *alt.* The Review Expert Body shall be composed of 40 members, with 15 members from developed country Parties and 25 members from developing country Parties, with the following composition:

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- (a) Seven members from Africa;
- (b) Seven members from Asia-Pacific;
- (c) Seven members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (d) Two members from small island developing States;
- (e) Two members from least developed countries;

[Option 2]

- (a) Six members from Africa;
- (b) Six members from Asia-Pacific;
- (c) Six members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (d) Two members from small island developing States;
- (e) Two members from least developed countries;
- (f) Three members from the Eastern Europe region;

12. *Decides* that the members of the Review Expert Body shall have expertise, knowledge and skills in the area of climate change science, mitigation, adaptation and the observed impacts of climate change;

13. *Invites* the Executive Secretary of the secretariat, in consultation with the President of the Conference of the Parties, to convene the initial meeting of the Review Expert Body in early 2013; the meetings of the Review Expert Body will be open to observers;

14. *Requests* the Review Expert Body to convene as often as needed and where possible in conjunction with sessions of other bodies established under the Convention, but no less than three meetings a year during the technical phase [2013–2014] and to conduct periodic consultative workshops and other activities, as required, inviting representation from all Parties;

15. *Requests* the secretariat, in consultation with the President of the Conference of the Parties, to make arrangements enabling relevant United Nations agencies and the secretariat to second staff to support the work of the Review Expert Body;

[Activities and timeline]

16. *Confirms* that the review should start in 2013 and should be concluded by 2015 when the Conference of the Parties shall take appropriate action on the basis of the review;

17. *Decides* that the review should consist of several [phases][activities], including through information gathering and compilation, technical assessment through organization of workshops, technical studies and preparation of synthesis reports]; [preparation of conclusions and recommendations; and consideration of actions and follow-up actions];

18. *Decides* that the [Body] will conduct a process during 2013 and [2014][2015] on issues referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph[s] 4 and [138];

19. *Requests* the [Body] to organize workshops, including for the consideration of the information referred to in paragraph 5 above;

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20. *Decides* that the [Body] will report annually to the Conference of the Parties for its guidance;

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21. *Decides* that the Review Expert Body will issue a report on its findings to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session and at its twentieth session;

21.bis *Decides* that [the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its forty-second and forty-third session][an Ad hoc Working Group on the Review to be established with a lifespan of one year at the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties in 2014] will consider the reports of the Review Expert Body and prepare conclusions including options for appropriate action, pursuant to 1/CP.16, paragraph 139(c), for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session in 2015 with a view to adopting a decision on this matter at that session;

22. *Invites* the Executive Secretary of the secretariat, in consultation with the President of the Conference of the Parties, to convene the initial meeting of the Review Expert Body in early 2013; the meetings of the Review Expert Body will be open to observers;

23. *Decides* that subsequent reviews should take place following the adoption of an assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change or at least every [X] years.
