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THE OPENING STATEMENT on BEHALF OF THE EU and ITS MEMBER STATES

The forty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

Bonn, 1 June 2015

Ms. Chair, distinguished colleagues, dear Friends,

This statement is delivered on behalf of the EU and its 28 Member States.

Ms. Chair, we welcome you in your new capacity. We wish that under your leadership the 42nd session of SBSTA delivers necessary progress to enable priority items to be adopted in Paris.

We would like to thank the Co-Facilitators of the **Structured Expert Dialogue (SED)** and the Secretariat for their work and excellent organization of the SED process. We welcome the final SED factual technical report and look forward to discuss scientific findings related to the adequacy of the long term goal and its further operationalization. We are keen on finalizing meaningful conclusions with our partners, with a view to informing the ADP process in due time.

Ms. Chair, we are committed to work and complete as many items as possible during this session. In this context, we would like to highlight issues that the EU considers as central for this SBSTA session.

The first and the utmost important item for the EU is the methodological issues relating to **Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol**. We urge the Parties to work towards a constructive outcome and resolve outstanding issues during the June session so that the second commitment period can become effective with legal certainty.

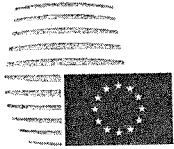
Secondly, we would like to highlight the importance of finalization of the Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol on determining the **“average annual emissions for the first three years of the preceding commitment period”**. We suggest keeping this item separate from SBSTA items 9a and 9b.

Thirdly, we reiterate the importance of the **methodologies for reporting of financial information** by Annex I Parties since it has linkages to the discussions on transparency of support under ADP.

Fourthly, as for the items under the **“Market mechanisms and non-market approaches under the Convention”**, the EU is awaiting the technical exchange of views and a close cooperation of SBSTA chair and ADP co-chairs on these mechanisms.

Additionally, the EU welcomes efforts made by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and International Maritime Organization (IMO) in addressing international transport greenhouse gas emissions and we encourage them to step up their related work and activities, including an agreement on a global market-based mechanism for aviation in 2016.

Lastly, we look forward to engaging in joint SBSTA and SBI special events such as the **2013-2015 review** and the technical workshop on **methodologies for the reporting of financial information** by Annex I Parties.



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Ms. Chair, dear colleagues, the EU supports the proposed approach for the 42nd session of SBSTA and is keen on working with you and all of the Parties to reach meaningful results that will pave the way towards Paris.

Thank you.