



## **STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES**

### **The fortieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice**

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

Mr Chair,

We welcome you on the position of the SBSTA Chair and assure you that the EU will work constructively with you and all Parties under your Chairmanship to achieve satisfactory progress on SBSTA.

Mister Chair, distinguished Colleagues, dear Friends,

The work of the IPCC is fundamental to our work here. The EU welcomes the recent publication of the WGII and III contributions to the IPCC's 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report. The AR5 provides us with clear scientific information about the extent of the challenges that we have to address and identifies options to do so.

We look forward to the various opportunities to consider the material provided by the IPCC during this session. In particular, we are looking forward to continuing the good discussions in the Structured Expert Dialogue under the 2013-2015 review, and to giving further guidance on the work of the SED and on how the outcomes of the Review might inform the work of the ADP. With the other Parties we also look for option how to best consider the information provided by the IPCC on mitigation currently discussed under SBSTA agenda item on Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation of climate change.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report highlights the need for strong and immediate global action. To that end, the EU wants to promote the synergies between the sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies and the ADP and looks forward to advancing productively in all the areas.

Let us highlight the following issues of particular importance for the SBSTA work in the coming two weeks:

The EU finds it essential to finalise discussions and operationalise an up-to-date accounting and reporting framework under the Kyoto Protocol.

On methodological issues under the Convention, we particularly look forward to engaging with other Parties in the revision of review guidelines for annual greenhouse gas inventories.

We are looking forward to continuing discussions on market and non-market mechanisms.



On agriculture, we trust that work can continue building on previous constructive exchanges and in particular the mandate given by SBSTA in its 38th session, in order to agree a work programme in this session, addressing both mitigation and adaptation and matters relating to capacity building, technology transfer and finance.

The EU is also looking forward to continuing the considerations under the Nairobi Work Programme and agree on specific activities - including their timing - related to the topics of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health.

Mr. Chair, the EU supports the proposed agenda for SBSTA 40 and looks forward to working with you and all Parties to make the best use of our time at this session.

Thank you.