

Work of the Contact group
Article 1 on definitions, decision paragraphs not related to specific articles in the
draft Agreement

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Article 1 *(DEFINITIONS)*

For the purposes of this Agreement, all definitions contained in Article 1 of the Convention apply. In addition:

1. "Parties present and voting" means Parties present and casting an affirmative or negative vote;
2. "Party" means a Party to this Agreement;
3. "CMA" means the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this [Agreement];
4. [Placeholder for "countries in need of support";]
5. [Climate forcers: compounds or group of compounds that contribute to climate change. This contribution can be measured through their radiative forcing (W/m²). They are well-mixed and near-term greenhouse gases, aerosols, or particles;]
6. ["Emission reductions" means the sum of all reduced emissions and increased carbon stocks;]
7. ["REDD+" means a mechanism aimed at reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries that is based on the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ and relevant decisions of the [Conference of the Parties];]
- 7bis. ["JMA" means a mechanism for the implementation of joint mitigation and adaptation actions for the integral and sustainable management of forests alternative to REDD+ and to results-based payments;]
8. ["Developed country Party" means a developed country Party [under the Convention] [within the meaning of this Agreement] [under the UN system];]
9. ["Developing country Party" means a developing country Party [under the Convention] [within the meaning of this Agreement] [under the UN system];]
10. [Placeholder for "climate finance";]
11. ["Conference of the Parties" means the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;]
12. ["Convention" means the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, adopted in New York on 9 May 1992;]
13. ["Party included in Annex I" means a Party included in Annex I to the Convention, as may be amended, or a Party which has made a notification under Article 4, paragraph 2(g), of the Convention;]

[Further definitions may be required at a later stage in the negotiating process.]

B. DRAFT DECISION

I. ADOPTION OF THE [PARIS AGREEMENT] [PARIS IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT UNDER THE UNFCCC]

1. *Decides* to adopt the [\[Paris Implementing\]](#) Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement) as contained in the annex to this decision;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to be the Depositary of the Agreement and to open it for signature in New York, United States of America, from [21 March 2016] to [20 March 2017];
3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to convene a high -level signature ceremony for the Agreement in early 2016;
4. *Also invites* all Parties to the Convention to sign the Agreement at the ceremony to be convened by the Secretary-General or at their earliest opportunity, and to deposit their respective instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, or instruments of accession where appropriate, as soon as possible;
5. [\[Recognizes that Parties to the Convention \[may provisionally\] apply \[all the provisions of\] the Agreement pending its entry into force, and requests Parties to provide notification of any such provisional application to the Depositary;\]](#)
6. *Notes* that in accordance with decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 4, the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action has been [\[completed and decides\]](#) that it is therefore [\[terminated\]\[continue the mandate of ADP\];](#)
7. [\[Decides to \[COP, SBSTA and SBI\]establish \[an Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee \(IPC\)\]\]\[a subsidiary body under the Convention\]\]](#) to prepare for the entry into force of the Agreement and the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement (CMA); [add placeholder requesting the ADP to conduct this work;](#)
8. *Requests* the [\[IPC\]\[COP\]](#) to [\[oversee\] the \[implementation\] \[complete\]](#) of the work programme resulting from the relevant requests in section[s] III [\[and IV\]](#) of this decision [\[in a balanced manner, inter alia, mitigation adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, and transparency of action and support, to facilitate the entry into force and complete its work by 2020.\]](#) [\[and authorizes the \[IPC\] to guide the work of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice \(SBSTA\), the Subsidiary Body for Implementation \(SBI\) and other Convention bodies in relation to the work programme, where appropriate, and in accordance with their respective mandates;\]](#)
9. *Also requests* the [\[IPC\]](#) to report regularly to the COP on the progress of its work;

II. INTENDED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS

10. *Welcomes* the intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) that have been communicated by Parties in accordance with decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(b);
11. *Reiterates* its invitation to all Parties that have not done so to communicate to the secretariat their INDCs towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2 [\[as soon as possible and well in advance of the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties\]\[by 1 October 2016\]](#), and in a manner that facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding of INDCs;
[\[11bis Calls on each developed country Party to communicate to the secretariat its INDCs on provision of finance, technology and capacity building support including in particular the financial targets and road map during the period of 2021-2030 as soon as possible and well in advance of COP 22 \(by the first quarter of 2016 by those developed country Parties ready to do so\) in a manner that facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding of INDCs on provision of support;\]](#)
12. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to publish INDCs as communicated by Parties on the UNFCCC website [\[. in particular the finance, technology and capacity building support communicated by developed country Parties as referred to in para 11bis above\];](#)

13. *Reiterates* its call to developed country Parties [and Parties with economies in transition in a position to do so], the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and any other organizations in a position to do so to provide support for the preparation and communication of the INDCs of Parties that may need such support;
14. **Option 1:** *[Requests* the SBI to clarify in a facilitative, non-intrusive and consultative manner the information provided by Parties when communicating their INDCs. The SBI shall report on progress made to the IPC *[at its second session] [in 2017];]*

Option 2: No text.

15. *[Takes note of] [Welcomes]* the synthesis report on the aggregate effect of INDCs contained in document FCCC/CP/2015/7 [and notes with concern the gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' INDCs and the aggregate effect of emissions consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 degrees or 1.5 degree C above pre-industrial levels, as well as their adequacy in fulfilling the purpose of the Agreement and relative fair efforts made by Parties in implementing their commitments];
16. *Requests* the secretariat to update the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 15 above so as to cover INDCs communicated by Parties by [1 October 2016], (in particular the finance, technology and capacity building support communicated by developed country Parties, as referred to in para 11bis above), and make it available by [1 November 2016] [and to provide information on the fairness and ambition of INDCs and NDCs as communicated by Parties];
17. **Option 1:** *[Invites] [Strongly urges]* all Parties to consider enhancing the ambition of their mitigation efforts [and adaptation efforts] before they submit their nationally determined [mitigation] [contribution][commitment][other] [in accordance with the provisions of Article [17] of the Agreement on the preconditions for joining the Agreement] [, and requests Parties to ensure that there is no backsliding from the level of mitigation effort in a Party's intended nationally determined contributions when submitting their nationally determined mitigation commitment];

17bis. Notes that a developing country Party may adjust its INDC when severely affected by an extreme natural event, force majeure, or when adequate finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity building support is not available;

17ter. Decides that the level of effort represented by each Party's nationally determined commitment shall be at least equal to that communicated through its intended nationally determined commitment;

17quater. Invites developed country Parties to take the lead by enhancing the ambition of their commitments on mitigation and provision of finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building in their INDCs;

17quinquies. Notes that the enhancement of the INDCs of developing country Parties is premised on the adequacy of finance, technology transfer and capacity building support from developed country Parties;

Option 2: No text;

18. **Option 1:** *[Decides][Invites* the President of the COP] to convene a facilitative dialogue among Parties to take stock of the collective efforts of Parties in [2018][2019]; in relation to progress towards the long-term goal in Article 3.1 and in order to inform the preparation of intended nationally determined commitments pursuant to Article 3.6;]¹

Option 2: No such facilitative dialogue prior to 2020;

Option 3: *[Placeholder on provision for updating commitments before entry into force of the Paris Agreement];*

18-bis. Further requests the IPCC to provide a special report [in 2018] [in 2019] on the impacts of warming of global warming of 1.5C above pre-industrial levels, and global greenhouse gas emissions pathways required to achieve the long-term temperature goal.

¹ This paragraph is similar to paragraph 76 in section IV (workstream 2). Parties may wish to consider whether these paragraphs overlap, and if so whether to reconcile them.

III. DECISIONS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE AGREEMENT

GENERAL

19. *Welcomes* the efforts of all actors to address climate change, including those by civil society, the private sector, financial institutions, cities and other subnational authorities, local communities and indigenous peoples;
20. *Invites* the actors referred to in paragraph 19 above to scale up their efforts and support further actions by Parties to reduce [\[and/or avoid\]](#) emissions and/or to build resilience and decrease vulnerability to the adverse effects of climate change;
21. *Also invites* the actors referred to in paragraph 19 above to demonstrate their continued efforts to address climate change through the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA);²

V. INTERIM INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

90. *Decides* that the [IPC] shall meet in conjunction with the first session of the SBSTA and SBI in 2016 to organize its work on the implementation of the work programme referred to in paragraph 8 above and to prepare draft decisions to be recommended to the CMA for consideration and adoption at its first session;
91. *Also decides* that the [IPC] shall report and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of the work programme referred to in paragraph 8 above;

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

- 92.- *Takes note* of the requirement for additional resources for the implementation of the relevant actions referred to in this decision;
- 93.- *Emphasizes* the urgency of making additional resources available for the implementation of the relevant actions, including actions referred to in this decision, and the implementation of the work programme referred to in paragraph 8 above by the [IPC] from 2016;
- 94.- *Urges* Parties to make voluntary contributions for the timely implementation of this decision, noting the estimated budget requirement for 2016 of USD [X];
- 95.- *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide an estimate of the budgetary implications of the actions requested in this decision to be undertaken in 2017 for consideration by the SBI at its forty-fourth session, with a view to the SBI making a recommendation thereon to the COP at its twenty-second session.]

² Available at: <<http://climateaction.unfccc.int>>.