**Work of the Spin off group on
Article** 9 **on transparency of action and support, and related decision paragraphs**

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*(During the spin-off group meeting held this morning on transparency, a number of Parties submitted proposals to the decision text on the transparency section. These are captured and compiled in this document.)*

58. [*Requests* the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention to allocate financial resources for the building of transparency-related capacity of developing country Parties in need, on a continuous basis;] *{move to the Agreement}*

58bis. Requests the Standing Committee on Finance, when preparing guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the COP to include a proposal on how the Financial Mechanism could provide financial resources for the building and / or strengthening the transparency-related capacity of developing countries  in need, respecting country-driven priorities and responding to the relevant provisions of Article 9 and Decision x/CP.21. With the view to foster country ownership, transparency-related capacity building shall be designed to:

 (a)  Assist in establishing or strengthening existing national institutions for transparency-related activities, in accordance with national circumstances;

(b) Provide relevant training and assistance in meeting the provisions stipulated in Article 9 of the agreement;

(c) Assist the improvement of transparency over time.

59. **Option 1**: *Also requests* the [IPC][SBSTA] to develop recommendations for modalities, procedures and guidelines in accordance with Article 9[, paragraph 6], of the Agreement for adoption [at the first session of the CMA] [by the COP by 2018];

**Option 2**: Also requests the SBSTA to develop recommendations for modalities, procedures and guidelines in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 6, of the Agreement for adoption at the first session of the CMA. It shall take into account, inter alia:

(a) The ability for each Party to elect one or more aspects of the flexibility to be specified in the guidance to be adopted by the CMA on the basis of the Party’s capacity, such as level of detail of reporting, frequency, and scope, provided that the Party revisits the flexibility regularly.

(b) The importance of facilitating improved reporting and transparency over time;

(c) The need to avoid undue burden and duplication;

(d) The facilitative, non-intrusive nature of review.

**Option I**:

59bis. *Further requests* that the work programme in paragraph 59 will report to future sessions of the Conference of the Parties on the progress of its work, and will conclude its work no later than 2018;

59ter. *Decides* that Parties’ first biennial communications shall be submitted in 2022.

59quater. *Decides* that the review of reporting shall commence three months following the submission of biennial communications.

59quinquies. *Decides* that the measurement, reporting and verification system established in 1/CP.16, and 2/CP.17 shall be superseded by the common system of transparency of action and support, immediately following submission of the final biennial reports and biennial update reports.

**Option II**:

59bis. *Decides* to hereby establish a work programme for transparency readiness under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to assist developing country Parties in preparing for implementation of Article 9 of the Agreement, which would include the following:

(a) Identifying capacity building needs, taking into account lessons learned from the existing arrangements under the Convention; and

(b) Providing support, on an ongoing basis, to enable developing country Parties to effectively participate in the transparency system

59ter. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to agree on activities to be undertaken under the above-mentioned work programme by its forty-fifth session.

59quater. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to provide a report to each session of the Conference of the Parties with a view to seeking guidance for further actions.

**Option III**:

59bis. *Decides* to continue and further strengthen the mandate of multilateral assessment for provision of financial resources, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building to developing countries during the International Assessment and Review process for developed country Parties, to ensure that commitments and the provision of such support by developed country Parties and other developed Parties included in Annex II are implemented, verified through a robust verification system, and meet the needs expressed and identified by developing country Parties, recalling the mandate from paragraph 26, Decision 2/CP.17, on revising the modalities and procedures of International Assessment and Review no later than 2016.

59ter. *Further decides* that Developed country Parties and other developed Parties included in Annex II shall report on provision of financial resources, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building to developing countries, in line with the common methodologies adopted by the COP as mandated by paragraph 19, Decision 2/CP.17.