Report by

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To the Second meeting of the Comité de Paris held on 8 December 2015

On their informal consultations undertaken on

Support: means of implementation (finance, technology, capacity building)

- We had extensive consultations over the last days
- Started by an open ended plenary meeting on Sunday afternoon, we were having all together four Indabas, worked in six Party led small informal groups on specific paragraphs and had bilateral meetings with Parties.
- We had a very inclusive and transparent process, listening to all Parties in the different settings and heard many constructive proposals for the draft Paris Agreement.
- We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parties, but particularly those Parties who have assisted us over the past days in conducting the informal work, for the cooperative spirit and significant support they have provided us with.

Finance

- On Article 6, we tackled nearly all of the issues in the different setting.
- It is our impression that, there are several emerging understandings that evolved, both in terms of developing bridging proposals, with Parties having come forward with specific proposals on how to improve the current text, as well as increasing the overall coherence, structure and flow of Article 6.
- It is our impression that the text as it currently stands could profit from interlinking some conceptual issues, whereas others could either remain, or be further distinguished in order not to dilute clear differences between core concepts.
- We are also of the impression that significant progress has been made in the Party led consultations which resulted in concrete textual proposals; however, we would like to highlight to you, Mr. President, that further work on those textual proposals is needed, as they cannot be perceived as agreed text, but also as these textual proposals depend on the further evolution and development of Article 6 as a whole.

• In addition we will also transmit the additional concrete textual proposals and suggestions that were made by Parties to you for your information.

Technology development and transfer and its related decisions:

• Based on our Ministerial-led consultations, Parties have found convergence on the entire Article 7 and its related decisions. Specifically, Party-driven discussions have found common ground on the following concepts: cooperative action, long-term vision, framework, Technology Mechanism. Moreover, further compromise and opportunity for convergence was found on the areas of innovation and support.

Capacity-building

- Parties made progress in their deliberations on the decision text, also taking into consideration linkages with institutional arrangement for capacity-building discussed under the SBI.
- Parties reached agreement on the establishment of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and the launch of a work programme on capacity-building.
- Having reached a mutual understanding on a long-term arrangement to enhance capacity-building beyond 2020
- There are still some outstanding issues, including
 - the modalities of work the agreed Paris Capacity Building Committee,
 - Finalization of Article 8.5
 - How differentiation will be addressed in Article 8.1-8.4.
- The groups are given time until 10 pm to finalize their work.