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Record of the facilitative sharing of views during the forty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation: Uruguay

Note by the secretariat

I. Background and mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 63, to conduct under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) international consultation and analysis (ICA) of biennial update reports (BURs) from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in a manner that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty. This process aims to increase transparency of the mitigation actions and their effects reported by non-Annex I Parties.
2. The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 56, adopted the modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis contained in annex IV to the same decision (hereinafter referred to as the ICA modalities and guidelines). The COP further decided that the first round of ICA would be conducted for developing country Parties commencing within six months of the submission of the first round of BURs by developing country Parties.¹
3. According to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the ICA process consists of two steps: a technical analysis of the BUR of non-Annex I Parties by a team of technical experts resulting in a summary report for each Party; and a facilitative sharing of views (FSV), with BURs and summary reports serving as input.²
4. Pursuant to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the SBI convened on 15 May 2017 in Bonn, Germany, at SBI 46, the third workshop for the facilitative exchange of views, open to all Parties, for 10 non-Annex I Parties, including Uruguay, for which there is a BUR and a final summary report by 10 March 2017.³ Interested Parties were able to submit written questions in advance. As a result, Uruguay received six written questions in advance from the following Parties: European Union and New Zealand.
5. The workshop, chaired by the SBI Rapporteur, Ms. Tugba Icmeli, comprised two three-hour sessions covering five Parties in alphabetical order.

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 58(a).

² Decision 2/CP.17, annex IV, paragraph 3.

³ The BURs and the summary reports are available at <http://unfccc.int/8722.php> and <http://unfccc.int/10054.php>, respectively.

6. This record of the FSV for Uruguay summarizes the proceedings and together with the summary report on the technical analysis of its BUR,⁴ constitutes the outcome of the first round of ICA for Uruguay.

II. Summary of proceedings

7. At this workshop for the facilitative sharing of views, Uruguay made a brief presentation on its BUR. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

8. In its presentation, Uruguay provided an overview of its national circumstances and institutional arrangements, national inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases (GHGs) not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, mitigation actions and effects, and support needed and received. It highlighted that total GHG emissions in 2010 were 34,955.89 gigagrams of carbon dioxide equivalent (Gg CO₂ eq), including the land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector, and 31,207.29 Gg CO₂ eq excluding the LULUCF sector. These emissions were mainly from the agriculture and energy sectors. Compared with 1990, the GHG emissions including LULUCF increased by 3.3 per cent during the period from 1990 to 2010.

9. Uruguay also provided an overview of its mitigation actions and their effects. The key mitigation actions involved focusing energy policy on the promotion of renewable energy for the 2008–2030 period, implementing the smart agriculture policy from 2010 to reduce methane intensity on beef production by 33 per cent in 2030, creating incentives in the forestry sector to increase its forested areas by 430 per cent since 1990, and finally, the design of seven nationally appropriate mitigation actions covering the energy, waste, forestry and agriculture sectors. In addition, Uruguay provided information on the support needed in terms of finance, technology and capacity-building. These included the following areas: the improvement of the transport sector, through the introduction of a bus rapid transit system, the introduction of electric and hybrid vehicles, the labelling of vehicles, and the use of efficient freight transportation; improvements in waste water management facilities; improvements in the agriculture sector that include enhancing productivity, cattle waste management, and the efficient use of fertilizers; and forest management.

10. Over the course of the presentation, Uruguay addressed written questions submitted in advance, through the secretariat, by Brazil, the European Union, New Zealand and Sweden.

11. Following the presentation, the following Parties made interventions commending Uruguay for its efforts and asked questions seeking further clarification: Brazil, the European Union, New Zealand and Sweden. The questions and answers were mainly focused on the following areas: the next steps for the establishment of the measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) system and the expected implementation of the MRV system; the priority needs that could be implemented before the submission of the next BUR; the best practices and successful policies in the diversification of the energy matrix; the use of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* in the next BUR; and priority areas to enhance the GHG inventory, alignment of the capacity-building needs identified during the technical analysis to those identified by the country.

12. The full details of the presentation as well as subsequent interventions are available in the YouTube broadcast of this workshop.⁵

13. In closing the workshop, the SBI Rapporteur congratulated Uruguay for successfully undergoing the FSV and completing the first round of its ICA process. She thanked Uruguay and all other

⁴ FCCC/SBI/ICA/2016/TASR.1/URY.

⁵ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZ0AVSkZkL8&list=PL-m2oy1bnLzpmDRpG2pTBzUeOH3qrXIZt&index=2>

participating Parties for engaging in the workshop in a truly facilitative manner. She also thanked the secretariat for its support.
