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Record of the facilitative sharing of views during the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation: Chile

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 the 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 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 BURs 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, with the BURs and summary reports serving as input.
4. Pursuant to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the SBI convened on 20 and 21 May 2016 in Bonn, Germany, at SBI 44 the first workshop for the facilitative exchange of views, open to all Parties, for the 13 non-Annex I Parties, including Chile, for which there was a BUR and a final summary report by 29 February 2016.² Interested Parties were able to submit written questions in advance. As a result, Chile received 21 written questions in advance from European Union, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.
5. The first workshop, chaired by the SBI Chair, Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, comprised three three-hour sessions. Each three-hour session covered five Parties in alphabetical order.

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 58(a).

² The BURs and summary reports are available at <<http://unfccc.int/8722.php>>.

6. This record of the facilitative sharing of views for Chile summarizes the proceedings and, together with the summary report on the technical analysis of its BUR,³ constitutes the outcome of the first round of ICA for Chile.

II. Summary of proceedings

7. During the workshop, Chile made a brief presentation on its BUR. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

8. In its presentation Chile provided an overview of the chapters and content of its BUR, the institutional structure relevant to reporting and the process and preparation of its BUR. It highlighted that its national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is currently being updated to reflect a new time series from 1990 to 2013. This updated information will be included in its second BUR, which it plans to submit at COP 22. The approach to overcoming the challenges encountered during the preparation of the BUR and the ICA process, the national approach to ensuring sustainability of reporting and its experience in preparing for the first workshop for the facilitative sharing of views were also highlighted. In addition, Chile indicated that it has improved its procedures for gathering and processing information for its second BUR and understands that the preparation and submission of BURs is a process under continuous improvement. Chile will take into account the lessons learned from the facilitative sharing of views process in the preparation of its second BUR.

9. Over the course of the presentation, Chile addressed written questions submitted to it in advance through the secretariat by interested Parties.

10. Following the presentation, the following Parties made interventions commending Chile for its efforts and asked for further clarification: Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, European Union, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United States. The questions were mainly focused on the following areas: the improvement plan for the national GHG inventory; Chile's approach to knowledge management in the institutions involved in the preparation of its BUR; the current system of institutional arrangements, in particular the national and integrated measurement, reporting and verification system; and voluntary cooperation in the absence of instruments of obligation.

11. The full details of the presentation and of the subsequent interventions are available in the webcast of the workshop.⁴

12. In closing the workshop, the SBI Chair congratulated Chile for a successful facilitative sharing of views and completing the first round of the ICA process. He thanked Chile and all other Parties for engaging in the workshop in a truly facilitative manner. He also thanked the secretariat for its support.

³ FMCC/SBI/ICA/2015/TASR.1/CHL.

⁴ Available at <http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/bonn_may_2016/events/2016-05-20-10-00-facilitative-sharing-of-views-day-1/chile-1>.