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Forum and work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures

Proposal by the President

Draft decision -/CP.19

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The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 1/CP.10 1/CP.13, 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 8/CP.17, 1/CP.18 and 31/CMP.1, the objective, principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 5, Article 4, paragraphs 1(g) and (h), and Articles 8, 9 and 10 of the Convention, as well as Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of its Kyoto Protocol,

Recognizing that social and economic development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing countries,

Acknowledging that response measures to combat climate change may have negative environmental, social and economic consequences and that all developing countries face economic and social consequences of response measures to climate change,

Affirming that Parties should cooperate fully to enhance understanding of the economic and social consequences of response measures,

Noting that fully understanding the impacts of the implementation of response measures requires consideration of both positive and negative impacts,

Reiterating decision 8/CP.17, paragraph 3, which established the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures to implement the work programme on

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the impact of the implementation of response measures, and decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 91, which consolidated all progressive discussions related to response measures under the Convention,

Recalling the constructive discussions that took place during the meetings under the work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures held in conjunction with the thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions of the subsidiary bodies,

Acknowledging that the work of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures has provided opportunities to engage in in-forum workshops, an expert meeting and valuable initial discussions by Parties, with a view to improving the understanding of the impact of the implementation of response measures in the areas of the work programme referred to in decision 8/CP.17, paragraph 1,

Welcoming the progress made in the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, convened under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

Inviting Parties to continue to participate in the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, including by sharing their views on policy issues of concern, such as unilateral measures,

Noting that the initial review of the work of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, pursuant to decision 8/CP.17, paragraph 5, indicates that a more focused consideration of issues is needed for the effectiveness of the process,

Recognizing the need to focus future work under the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures on expert input and the provision of concrete examples, case studies and practices in order to enhance the capacity of Parties, in particular developing country Parties, to deal with all impacts of the implementation of response measures,

Also recognizing the need to give full consideration to the question of what actions are necessary under the Convention, including actions related to funding, insurance and the transfer of technology, to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the impact of the implementation of response measures,

- 1. Decides to hereby continue the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures until 2015 in order for it to provide a platform allowing Parties to share, in an interactive manner, information, experiences, case studies, best practices and views;
- 2. Also decides that the forum shall be convened by the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to implement the updated work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures contained in the annex and shall meet twice a year, in conjunction with the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
- 3. Reiterates that the forum will be convened under a joint agenda item of the subsidiary bodies and will operate in accordance with the procedures applicable to contact groups;
- 4. Recalls the modalities for the operationalization of the work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures contained in decision 8/CP.17, paragraph 2;
- 5. Requests the subsidiary bodies to update the modalities for the implementation of the revised work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures at their fortieth sessions (June 2014);

6. Invites Parties to share views on potential improvements to the modalities for the operationalization of the forum at the fortieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies and requests the subsidiary bodies to review, at their forty-third sessions (November–December 2015), the work of the forum, including the need for its continuation and possible improvement, with a view to providing recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session (December 2015).

Annex

Elements of the revised work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures

- Assessment and analysis of all impacts of response measures, including economic modelling, employment, income, economic growth rates and living standards in developing countries;
- Overview of progress on made at various levels in conducting activities for addressing adverse economic and social consequences of response measures on developing countries, including national and regional, bilateral and multilateral;
- Exchanging experience and discussion of opportunities for economic diversification and transformation;
- Sharing views on the promotion of just transition and creation of decent work in accordance with nationally defined development priorities and strategies;
- Dialogue on what Parties report on actions and impacts related to the implementation of response measures, including in their national communications and biennial reports;
- Sharing views on the impact of response measures on gender and health.
