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### Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement on the seventh part of its first session, held in Katowice from 2 to 8 December 2018

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## **I. Opening of the session**

(Agenda item 1)

1. The seventh part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) was held at the International Conference Centre in Katowice, Poland, from 2 to 8 December 2018.
2. The Co-Chairs of the APA, Ms. Sarah Baashan (Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention) and Ms. Jo Tyndall (Parties included in Annex I to the Convention), opened the resumed session on Sunday, 2 December, and welcomed all Parties and observers.
3. The Co-Chairs informed Parties of the unavailability of the APA Rapporteur, Ms. Anna Serzynsko (Parties included in Annex I to the Convention) to attend the session.

## **II. Organizational matters**

(Agenda item 2)

### **A. Election of officers**

(Agenda sub-item 2(a))

4. The APA considered this agenda sub-item at its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 2 December.
5. The Co-Chairs reminded Parties that the members of the APA Bureau had been elected at APA 1.4 for a second consecutive term of one year until December 2018.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, no action was required under this agenda sub-item at this part of the session.

### **B. Adoption of the agenda**

(Agenda sub-item 2(b))

6. The APA considered this agenda sub-item at its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
7. The APA adopted the agenda for its first session at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 20 May 2016.<sup>2</sup> Since the first session of the APA is ongoing, that adopted agenda continues to apply, with the exception of one sub-item that was concluded at APA 1.2 following the entry into force of the Paris Agreement on 4 November 2016.<sup>3</sup>

### **C. Organization of the work of the session**

(Agenda sub-item 2(c))

8. The APA considered this agenda sub-item at its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
9. It agreed that the modalities for the organization of work adopted at APA 1.1 would be applied at APA 1.7.<sup>4</sup>
10. Also at the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Co-Chairs informed Parties that they would convene meetings of heads of delegation to resolve specific issues, mindful of avoiding duplication with technical discussions taking place in the informal consultations. They also stated that they would convene such meetings jointly with the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), as relevant.
11. At the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the APA, also on 2 December, which was held jointly with the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-fourth session, the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its fourteenth session, the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its first session and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings of the SBSTA and the SBI at their forty-ninth sessions, statements were

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/APA/2017/4, paragraphs 4 and 6.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 9.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/APA/2016/4, paragraph 9.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 21.

made by representatives of 13 Parties on behalf of groups of Parties: the African Group; the Alliance of Small Island States; the Arab Group; Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay; the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples’ Trade Treaty; Brazil, South Africa, India and China; the Environmental Integrity Group; the European Union and its member States; the Group of 77 and China; the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean; the least developed countries; the Like-minded Developing Countries; and the Umbrella Group. Statements were also made on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), environmental NGOs, indigenous peoples organizations, local government and municipal authorities, research and independent NGOs, trade union NGOs, women and gender NGOs, and children and youth NGOs.<sup>5</sup>

12. At the first meeting of the contact group on agenda items 3–8, the APA agreed that the informal consultations on individual agenda items would be co-facilitated by:

- (a) Agenda item 3: Mr. Sin Liang Cheah (Singapore) and Ms. Federica Fricano (Italy);
- (b) Agenda item 4: Mr. Julio Cordano (Chile) and Ms. Beth Lavender (Canada);
- (c) Agenda item 5: Mr. Xiang Gao (China) and Mr. Andrew Rakestraw (United States of America);
- (d) Agenda item 6: Mr. Kamal Djemouai (Algeria) and Ms. Outi Honkatukia (Finland);
- (e) Agenda item 7: Ms. Janine Felson (Belize) and Ms. Christina Voigt (Norway);
- (f) Agenda item 8 (matters relating to the Adaptation Fund): Ms. María del Pilar Bueno (Argentina) and Mr. Pieter Terpstra (Netherlands);
- (g) Agenda item 8 (other matters): Ms. Baashan (Saudi Arabia) and Ms. Tyndall (New Zealand).

13. Subsequently the contact group met three times: twice to take stock of progress and once to consider the APA conclusions.

### III. Report on agenda items 3–8

(Agenda items 3–8)

#### 1. Proceedings

14. The APA considered these agenda items at its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 8 December, and adopted the conclusions below, which were, *mutatis mutandis*, identical to the conclusions adopted by the SBSTA and the SBI on the Paris Agreement work programme (PAWP).

#### 2. Conclusions

15. Pursuant to the requests of the COP<sup>6</sup> and the CMP,<sup>7</sup> the APA agreed to forward the proposals by its Co-Chairs for the outcomes of its work on the PAWP.<sup>8</sup> The proposals are being forwarded for consideration at COP 24 without prejudice to the content and form of the final outcome of the PAWP and recognizing that further work by the COP is necessary to finalize the PAWP outcome.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The texts of statements, including those that were not delivered during the plenary meeting, are available at [https://unfccc.int/submissions\\_and\\_statements](https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements).

<sup>6</sup> Decisions 1/CP.21, paragraphs 8, 10 and 11; 1/CP.22, paragraphs 8, 10, 13 and 14; and 1/CP.23, paragraph 4.

<sup>7</sup> Decision 1/CMP.11, paragraph 9.

<sup>8</sup> Contained in the annex to document FCCC/APA/2018/L.6.

<sup>9</sup> For the list of draft decisions forwarded by the COP to the CMA, see decision 1/CP.24. For the list of decisions as adopted, see decision 3/CMA.1.

#### **IV. Other matters**

(Agenda item 9)

16. The APA considered this agenda item at its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. No other matters were raised or considered.

#### **V. Closure of and report on the session**

(Agenda item 10)

17. At its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the APA considered the draft report on this part of the session and authorized the APA Co-Chairs on behalf of the Rapporteur to complete the report thereon with the assistance of the secretariat.

18. At the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the APA, on 8 December, which was held jointly with the 4<sup>th</sup> meetings of the SBSTA and the SBI, the APA Co-Chairs, together with the SBSTA and SBI Chairs, thanked the Government of Poland and the city of Katowice for their hospitality and for providing the facilities and an environment conducive to advancing the negotiations. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of 14 Parties, including 12 on behalf of the following groups of Parties: the African Group; the Alliance of Small Island States; the Arab Group; Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay; the Environmental Integrity Group; the European Union and its member States; the Group of 77 and China; the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean; the least developed countries; the Like-minded Developing Countries; the Coalition for Rainforest Nations; and the Umbrella Group.

19. At the end of the joint plenary, the session was declared closed.

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