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on

APA 1-5, agenda items 3–8

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1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) made significant progress in its work during the fifth part of its first session, following up on its mandate and responding to the request of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-third session to the subsidiary and constituted bodies to accelerate their work on the work programme under the Paris Agreement and to forward the outcomes to COP 24 at the latest.¹

2. The APA welcomed the submissions made by Parties before and at this session.²

3. While recognizing the progress achieved at this session, as reflected in the annex to the conclusions,³ the APA noted that work needs to be accelerated across all items of the APA agenda to ensure that all issues achieve the degree of maturity and detail needed to fully operationalize the Paris Agreement.

4. The APA reiterated its recognition of the need to progress on all items in a coherent and balanced manner, and to ensure the consideration of matters relating to the Paris Agreement work programme by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the APA is closely coordinated. In view of this, the APA requested its Co-Chairs to consider, in consultation with the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI, preparing, by mid-August 2018, a joint reflections note addressing progress made to date and proposing ways forward.

5. The APA also requested the secretariat to update the online platform referred to in paragraph 4 of decision 1/CP.23 to reflect the outcomes of the work of the APA, noting that this platform includes all elements of the Paris Agreement Work Programme.⁴

6. To facilitate deliberations at APA 1.6, the APA requested its Co-Chairs, with the assistance of, to the extent possible, the persons who facilitated work on the relevant matters at this session, to prepare, by [1 August] [15 August] 2018, an informal document incorporating

Option 1): [Co-Chairs' proposals for streamlining the outcome of the APA at this session]

Option 2): [Co-Chairs' proposals for and examples of how Parties could further progress towards the development of [draft elements of text] [an agreed basis for negotiations] on the outcome of the work of the APA,]

Option 3): [draft elements of text on the outcome of the work of the APA,]

and based on the informal notes annexed to these conclusions. The APA noted that this document will be prepared by the APA Co-Chairs under their own responsibility.

7. The APA confirmed that, at this stage in the deliberations, it will be important to ensure all options identified by Parties remain on the table.

8. To facilitate its work, the APA invited Parties to submit their views on areas of work of the APA which need particular attention in the light of the progress made at APA 1.5 and in response to the informal document referred to in paragraph 6 above.

¹ Decision 1/CP.23, paragraph 4.

² Available at https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.

³ To expedite document processing, the annex is not reproduced in this document. Its contents can be found in the addendum to this document (FCCC/APA/2018/L.X/Add.1).

⁴ Available at <https://unfccc.int/node/28798/>

9. With regard to time management, the APA noted some improvements made at this session, in particular with respect to the clustering of issues into thematic areas for scheduling purposes. At the same time, the APA expressed its concern about the insufficient amount of time available for the deliberations on adaptation communications, finance-related issues and on the transparency framework for action and support, and requested the APA Co-Chairs to take these concerns into account in scheduling work at APA 1.6.

10. Recognizing the importance of linkages across several items on the APA agenda, the APA agreed that conducting a one-day round-table, open to Parties only, in the pre-session period before APA 1.6 with a focus on substantive linkages, could help advance the negotiations and should be organized, subject to the feasibility of the relevant logistical and organizational arrangements at the venue of that session. The APA emphasized that any round-table arrangements should not overlap with groups' coordination meetings in the pre-session period.

11. The APA reiterated its commitment to continuing to work in an inclusive, transparent, Party-driven and efficient manner. To that end, it agreed to continue to apply at APA 1.6 (September 2018) the modalities for the organization of its work that were adopted at APA 1.1.⁵

12. The APA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraph 10 above. The APA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁵ FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 21.