

**PRESIDENT's TEXTUAL PROPOSAL**  
**Ministerial consultations on matters relating to adaptation**  
**(Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communications, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement)**

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## **Decision<sup>1</sup>**

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,*

*[Recalling relevant provisions of the Convention, including equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities[, in the light of different national circumstances,]]*

*[Also] recalling relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, in particular its Article 7,*

*Recognizing the importance of flexibility provided to Parties by Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Paris Agreement for submitting and updating the adaptation communication,*

*Recalling decisions 4/CP.5, 17/CP.8, and 5/CP.17,*

*Recognizing the links between adaptation and sustainable development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction,*

*Emphasizing the intrinsic relationship that climate change actions, responses and impacts have with equitable access to sustainable development and eradication of poverty,*

*Recalling that continuous and enhanced international support shall be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation of Article 7, paragraphs 7, 9, 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement, in accordance with Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Paris Agreement,*

1. *Notes* that the purpose of the adaptation communication is to:
  - (a) Increase the visibility and profile of adaptation and its balance with mitigation;
  - (b) Strengthen adaptation action and support for developing countries;
  - (c) Provide input to the global stocktake;
  - (d) Enhance learning and understanding of adaptation needs and actions;
2. *Adopts* the guidance contained in the annex/decision;
3. *Decides* that the adaptation communication is:
  - (a) Country-driven and flexible, including in the choice of communication or document, as provided in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement;
  - (b) Not mandatory, shall not pose any additional burden on developing country Parties, is not a basis for comparisons between Parties, and is not subject to a review;
4. *Recalls* that as provided in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement, each Party should, as appropriate, submit and update an adaptation communication, and that the adaptation communication shall be, as appropriate, submitted and updated periodically, as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement and/or a national communication;

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<sup>1</sup> The structure of this document is without prejudice to the form of the final outcome of the Paris Agreement Work Programme, with regards to a single or multiple decisions.

5. *Decides* that Parties may, as appropriate, also submit and update their adaptation communication as a component of or in conjunction with the reports on impacts and adaptation as stipulated in Article 13, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement;

6. *Recalls* that the adaptation communications shall be recorded in a public registry maintained by the secretariat in accordance with the modalities and procedures contained in decision -/CMA.1;

7. *Invites* Parties who choose to submit an adaptation communication to do so in time to inform each global stocktake, as appropriate;

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[[*Decides*][*Takes note*] that Parties can choose information communicated as a component of or in conjunction with an NDC on adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans leading to mitigation co-benefits to be subject to review under Article 13, paragraph 7(b), of the Paris Agreement as established in decision -/CMA.1;]

[[*Acknowledges*][*Takes note*] that information communicated by Parties as a component of or in conjunction with an NDC on adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans that result in mitigation co-benefits will be subject to review under Article 13, paragraph 7 of the Paris Agreement, as established in decision -/CMA.1;]

[*Acknowledges* that each Party with an NDC under Article 4 that contains adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans that result in mitigation co-benefits consistent with Article 4.7, shall, with respect to such mitigation co-benefits:

(a) Provide the information necessary for clarity, transparency and understanding in accordance with Article 4.8;

(b) Account for its NDC under Article 4 in accordance with Article 4.13; and

(c) Provide the information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving its NDC under Article 4 as provided in Article 13.7(b);]

9. *Encourages* Parties to submit their adaptation communication, using the guidance contained in the annex/decision and considering, as appropriate, existing guidance for communications or documents used for the submission;

10. *Invites* Parties, according to their national circumstances and capacities, to provide in their adaptation communication information on the elements referenced {(A) to (D)} in the annex to this decision or in existing guidance as referred to in paragraph 9 above, and to provide, as appropriate, additional information on the elements numbered {(E) to (J)} in the annex to this decision;

11. *Further invites* Parties to include, as appropriate, ex-ante or forward-looking information, based on the elements identified in the annex to this decision, in their adaptation communication, with a particular focus on elements {(A) to (D)} in the annex to this decision;

12. *Acknowledges* that Parties may, when submitting an adaptation communication, tailor the information provided, in consideration of the specific communications or documents used;

13. *Encourages* Parties to clearly identify their adaptation communication, from the beginning to the end, regardless of the communication or document chosen in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 11, and number their adaptation communications sequentially;

14. *Also encourages* Parties that choose to submit an adaptation communication as a component of or in conjunction with a nationally determined contribution to include information on any of the elements presented in the annex of this decision, as appropriate;

15. [*Invites* Parties that opt to use a nationally determined contribution consistent with Article 4, paragraph 7, and in line with paragraph 9 of decision -/CMA.1, to provide information on element (F) in the annex to this decision;]

16. *Acknowledges* that Parties that choose to submit their adaptation communication as part of a national communication or a national adaptation plan may provide information

taking into consideration the guidelines contained in document FCCC/CP/1999/7, decision 17/CP.8 and decision 5/CP.17 respectively;

17. [*Agrees* that, to contribute to achieving the global goal on adaptation, pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 14 of the Paris Agreement, it is necessary to have information that can be synthesized and that will enable enhanced action and improve the understanding of collective effort and progress towards the global goal on adaptation;]

18. [*Requests* the SBSTA to develop guidelines for use by Parties in communicating information under the elements contained in the annex/decision, with a view to adopting such guidelines at the third session of the CMA (November 2020). As input to the development of guidelines, it *invites* the IPCC to provide a technical paper on available methodologies for producing the information referred to in paragraph 17 above, with guidance from the SBSTA;]

19. *Decides* to take stock of, and if necessary revise:

(a) The guidance contained in the annex/decision, taking into account the submissions and the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 20 below, at its eighth session to be held in 2025;

(b) [The modalities presented in paragraph 18 above, in concurrence with the update/revision/review of the guidance for nationally determined contributions contained in the annex/decision XX;]

20. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 28 February 2025, information on their experiences with the application of the guidance contained in the annex/decision, and *requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report of those submissions for consideration by the SBI at its sixty-second session, with a view to preparing recommendations to the CMA to inform the stocktake stipulated in paragraph 19 above;

21. [[*Urges* developed country Parties and] *also invites* Parties, United Nations organizations, specialized agencies, and other relevant organizations as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies, to continue to mobilize support for adaptation activities in developing country Parties;]

22. [*Requests* the GEF and the GCF, as the operating entities of the financial mechanism, to provide support to developing country Parties for the preparation and submission of their adaptation communications, [in line with their existing mandates];]

23. [*Encourages* the GCF, the GEF, the Adaptation Fund, the Climate Technology Centre and Network, and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, in line with their existing mandates and governing instruments, to continue supporting developing country Parties in the implementation of their adaptation plans and actions, corresponding to the priorities and needs outlined in their adaptation communication;]

24. *Takes note of* the decision on matters referred to in paragraphs 41, 42 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21;

25. *Takes note of* the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision and requests that the actions called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

**Annex. Elements of an adaptation communication**

- A. National circumstances, institutional arrangements and legal frameworks**
- B. Impacts, risks and vulnerabilities, as appropriate**
- C. National adaptation priorities, strategies, policies, plans, goals and actions**
- D. Implementation and support needs [of developing country Parties]**
- E. Implementation of adaptation actions and plans, including:**
  - i. Progress and results achieved;**
  - ii. Adaptation efforts of developing countries for recognition;**
  - iii. Cooperation on enhancing adaptation at national, regional and international levels, as appropriate;**
  - iv. Barriers, challenges and gaps related to implementation of adaptation;**
  - v. Good practices, lessons learned and information sharing;**
  - vi. Monitoring and evaluation;**
- F. Adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans, including those that result in mitigation co-benefits**
- G. [Financial resources to assist developing country Parties with respect to adaptation] [Measures undertaken to make finance flows consistent with a pathway towards climate-resilient development]**
- [Gbis Indicative projected level of public financial resources to be provided by developed country Parties to developing country Parties for adaptation, including finance, technology and capacity-building, as appropriate]**
- H. Information on how adaptation actions contribute to other international frameworks and/or conventions**
- I. Information on gender-responsive adaptation action and information on traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems related to adaptation, where appropriate**
- J. Any other information related to adaptation]**