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Dear delegates, as I informed in my letter of Saturday, 16 November, I want to assure you that I intend to implement a clear and robust plan to ensure the efficiency, transparency, inclusivity, and integrity of our discussions as we enter this critical phase of our conference.

We understand the complexity of the challenges before us, and we know that time is not on our side.

Our focus remains steadfast: to deliver on the promises of the Paris Agreement, bridge implementation gaps, and raise ambition across all tracks.

It is our aim to maximize progress and ensure that no issue is overlooked.

I urge all Parties to approach these negotiations with the spirit of cooperation and compromise. The stakes are too high for us to allow procedural tactics or stalled discussions to stand in the way of progress.

Dear delegates, I will now outline how I propose to organize work this week so that we accelerate and complete outstanding issues in the next 5 days and bring the conference to a successful close on Friday, 22 November.

As I outlined in my letter, I see work continuing across three tracks which will inform each other and help unlock issues and bring us closer to successful outcomes on Friday:

- Ministerial consultations focusing on outstanding political issues.
- Continued technical work on a limited set of issues, into which emerging political agreements can be incorporated; and
- Complementary presidency consultations

With regards to ministerial engagement, the ministerial pairs that I have appointed prior to the session will continue to lead consultations on my behalf on outstanding issues that will benefit from political guidance.

On matters relating to the **new collective quantified goal on climate finance**, Ministers **Yasmine Fouad of Egypt** and **Chris Bowen of Australia** to consult on three key issues - the structure, the quantum and contributors of the New Collective Quantified Goal. Today and tomorrow they will conduct Ministerial consultations with all groups.

As the world's highest forum on climate change, COP29 cannot and will not be silent on **mitigation**. We will address the matter from every direction, so on matters relating to mitigation, I have invited Ministers **Tore O. Sandvik of Norway** and **Dion George of South Africa** to consult on what a mitigation outcome could look like noting that this relates closely to questions of where to place those mitigation outcomes, as appropriate.

On matters relating to **adaptation**, Ministers **Eamon Ryan of Ireland** and **Franz Tattenbach of Costa Rica** to consult on the **Global Goal on Adaptation**.

On matters relating to **Article 6, paragraphs 2 and 4, of the Paris Agreement**, Ministers **Grace Fu Hai Yien of Singapore** and **Simon Watts of New Zealand** to consult on predominantly the **registry functionalities of the international registry** under Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, and on the **connection of Party registries to the registry** for the mechanism established in Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.

In addition, we have invited Brazil, as the next incoming Presidency, and as a developing country, and the United Kingdom, as the last developed country Presidency to support and advise the COP29 Presidency to ensure we deliver a high ambition balanced package of negotiated outcomes here in Baku.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for their continued support.

Ministerial consultations will begin today immediately after plenary, and I ask that they report back to me by tomorrow evening on their progress.

Regarding **outstanding technical work** relating to items under the governing bodies, as well as on specific issues forwarded from the subsidiary bodies, allow me to outline the organization of work going forward.

Regarding work on the **new collective quantified goal on climate finance**, I invite Parties to continue work on specific issues where we feel that further progress can be made on a technical level throughout today and tomorrow up until tomorrow evening. Further information on the scope and modalities of this work will be provided in the context of a meeting with the heads of delegations to be convened later today.

I strongly encourage Parties to progress and conclude work on those issues both political and technical by tomorrow evening, so that we can come up with the first iteration of the full draft text by Wednesday evening at the latest.

Regarding the **other agenda items on matters relating to finance**, we would ask for work to continue today and tomorrow, with the aim to provide draft decision text by Tuesday evening.

Regarding the **mitigation work programme**, I have invited **Ursula Fuentes Hutfilter of Germany** and **Maesela Kekana of South Africa** to facilitate discussion on the technical elements of the mitigation work programme.

Regarding matters relating to CMA agenda item 10 **'Warsaw International Mechanism** for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and joint annual report of its Executive Committee and the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. I have invited **Farhan Akhtar of the USA** and **Pasha Carruthers of Cook Islands** to co-facilitate the consultations.

Regarding the remaining technical issues on **Article 6, paragraph 2**, of the Paris Agreement under CMA agenda item 15a, I have invited **Maria Jishi of Saudi Arabia** and **Peer Stiansen of Norway** to facilitate this discussion. I ask these co-facilitators to provide me with an updated and clean decision text on the best possible outcome at this session by Wednesday 20 November, taking into account the ministerial consultations.

Regarding matters relating to **Article 6, paragraph 4**, of the Paris Agreement under CMA agenda item 15b, I have invited **Kate Hancock of Australia** and **Sonam Tashi of Bhutan** to facilitate these discussions and to provide me with an updated and clean decision text on the best possible outcome at this session by Wednesday 20 November, taking into account the ministerial consultations;

On matters related to the global stocktake, I have invited **Thureya Al Ali of the UAE** and **Patrick Spicer of Canada** to facilitate discussions on the refinement of procedural and logistical elements of the GST process and **Ricardo Marshall of Barbados** and **Patrick Spicer of Canada** to facilitate discussions on the UAE dialogue on implementing the GST outcomes.

With regard to **Transparency**, I have invited **Ole-Kenneth Nielsen of Denmark** and **Sandra Motshwanedi of South Africa** to continue to facilitate technical discussions on provision of financial and technical support for the implementation of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.

On **gender**, I have invited **Marc-André Lafrance of Canada** and **Ruleta Thomas of Antigua and Barbuda** to facilitate discussions on this matter and I have also appointed a senior member of my team to undertake Presidency consultations on some elements.

With regard to the **United Arab Emirates just transition work programme**, I have invited **Kishan Kumarsingh of Trinidad and Tobago** and **Georg Borsting of Norway** to continue to facilitate discussions on this matter.

On **impacts of implementation of response measures**, I have invited **Andrei Marcu of Honduras** to facilitate consultations on this matter. The name of the second facilitator will be communicated through the UNFCCC website.

With regard to the two specific issues forwarded from the subsidiary bodies,

- On **national adaptation plans**. I have asked **Antwi-Boasiako Amoah** of **Ghana** and **Meredith Ryder-Rude** of the **United States** to continue as the co-facilitators for this matter.
- On **technology**, I have invited **Stig Svenningsen** of **Norway** and **Dudzile Nelen-getwa Masina** of **Eswatini** to facilitate technical discussions on the **Poznan Strategic programme**. As you will recall, at the opening plenary meeting on Monday, a contact group co-chaired by **Diann Black-Layne** of **Antigua and Barbuda** and **Elfriede More** of **Austria** was established to further consider the Technology Implementation Programme under this sub-item once the SBI has concluded its consideration on the **Poznan Strategic programme**.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to these colleagues for accepting this important responsibility.

I expect all technical work to conclude by **5pm on Wednesday 20 November**.

With regard to the **Presidency consultations**, that I had set up following the opening plenary, I would like to inform Parties that consultations took place in bilateral and open-ended format last week for:

- Seventh review of the Financial Mechanism
- Special needs and special circumstances of Africa
- Concerns with climate change related restrictive unilateral trade measures, and identifying ways to promote international cooperation in line with the outcome of the first global stocktake
- Facilitating dialogues on mountains and climate change
- Presidency consultation on a range of substantive matters included in the GST outcome.

Dear delegates, starting this afternoon, bilateral Presidency consultations will be convened regarding broader elements of the new quantified goal on climate finance.

We will also hold another meeting of the Presidency Consultation on the substantive matters included in the GST outcome, during which I would like Parties to focus on operationalization of para 186 of decision 1/CMA.5, i.e. inviting relevant work programmes and constituted bodies to follow up on the GST outcome.

In addition, as per our agreed agenda, Parties will continue consideration of a number of items under the governing bodies.

Finally, taking into account this comprehensive approach to address all outstanding items with a view to having a balanced and robust outcome of the conference, I want to clarify an important question that has been raised. We are not commencing a process to develop a cover decision. From our consultations, and after considerable consideration, it is our assessment that Parties priorities can and should be addressed under the mandated items for COP29, CMA 6 and CMP 19.

I would encourage Parties to focus on work under the mandated items for COP 29, CMA 6 and CMP 19.

Information on the status of all work will continue to be made available in the Daily Programme and on IPTV.

Dear colleagues,

We will convene a **stocktaking plenary tomorrow evening** to provide an overview of progress across all consultations.

Reiterating our commitment to transparency, we will also operate an 'open door policy' for Groups and Parties who wish to provide feedback on the mode of working for this week.

Later this week, following completion of the technical work and the ministerial engagement I intend to make use of an open-ended single setting at the Ministerial and Head of Delegation levels, to bring together the various outcomes.

More information on the convening of this single-setting will be provided in due course.