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[Draft decision -/CMA.5 on reporting and review pursuant to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement: provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building

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

Recalling decisions 18/CMA.1, 5/CMA.3 and 17/CMA.4,

Also recalling Article 13, in particular paragraphs 14–15, of the Paris Agreement, according to which support shall be provided to developing country Parties for implementing that Article and for building their transparency-related capacity on a continuous basis,

Acknowledging the need for sustainable institutional capacity, including enhanced reporting systems of developing countries, in particular the LDCs and SIDS, pursuant to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, for the full implementation of the enhanced transparency framework,

1. *Welcomes* the action taken by the Global Environment Facility to provide support to developing country Parties in accordance with Article 13, paragraphs 14–15, of the Paris Agreement for preparing their biennial transparency reports and building their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;
2. *Also welcomes* that developing country Parties will continue to be supported, upon their request, under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency¹ in building their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework and *encourages* Parties and the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to collaborate on ensuring timely delivery of that support;
3. *Appreciates* the efforts of the GEF in developing an expedited process for projects related to preparing biennial transparency reports and in combining the multiple projects for applying for support for preparing biennial transparency reports;
4. *Acknowledges* the increase in the allocation to the climate change focal area set-aside for enabling activities, including the CBIT, from USD 165 million in the seventh replenishment cycle of the GEF to USD 220 million in the eighth cycle, and *welcomes* that, within the agreed resource allocation framework for the eighth cycle, USD 75 million has been allocated to the CBIT, a 36 per cent increase on the allocation in the seventh cycle;
5. *Acknowledges* the existing financial, technical and capacity-building support for countries to address challenges in implementing the ETF that is available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels, including, but not limited to, the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme, the Consultative Group of Experts, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Readiness Fund, Initiative for Climate Action Transparency, Japan International Cooperation Agency, NDC Partnership, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Blue Carbon Initiative, Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement, SilvaCarbon, South–South cooperation, Transparency Accelerator, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - Climate Action and Support Transparency Training - Greenhouse Gas inventory & Research

¹ Established pursuant to decision 1/CP.21, para. 84.

Center of Korea, the United States Environmental Protection Agency Transparency Accelerator for Greenhouse Gas Inventories, the UN climate change secretariat and the World Bank;

6. *Notes* the challenges that developing country Parties face in implementing the ETF in a sustainable manner, including in establishing and enhancing national reporting systems within their respective national Governments;

7. *Underscores* the importance of the adequacy, predictability and timeliness of the support provided to developing country Parties, in particular the LDCs and SIDS, for building and enhancing their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the ETF;

8. *Also underscores* the importance of the GEF continuing its efforts to provide adequate and timely support to developing country Parties for implementing the ETF, to further simplify the existing processes under the GEF and its implementing agencies for approving projects, and to explore alternative programming modalities, procedures and processes for facilitating and expediting access to financial resources for enabling activities, to enable developing country Parties to meet the requirements under the ETF, and build and enhance their institutional and technical capacity for reporting under the Paris Agreement on a continuous basis;

9. *Invites* the GEF to explore, in the context of its next replenishment cycle, whether a greater share of the support provided for the preparation of biennial transparency reports could be allocated to national capacity development rather than to external consultancies, as appropriate, within the policies of the GEF;

10. *Acknowledges* the importance of bringing the challenges referred to in paragraph 6 above to the attention of the GEF and *requests* the GEF to at least double the resources available for the preparation of BTRs and to provide USD 1 million per country at a minimum with a view to enabling the vast majority of developing country Parties to report their BTRs in a timely manner;

11. *Notes* the importance of allocating necessary financial resources to the Consultative Group of Experts for providing technical support to developing country Parties;

12. *Requests* the GEF to assess the impacts of restrictions on the use of financial support for reporting by developing country Parties on efforts to build sustainable institutional capacity within their respective national Governments, and to recommend additional measures that Parties and the GEF and its implementing agencies could take to address those impacts;

13. *Notes with concern* the number of developing country Parties that have yet to submit a request to the GEF for support for implementing the enhanced transparency framework, including for preparing their first BTRs, and *encourages* those Parties, as applicable, to urgently initiate the process of securing support;

14. *Notes* that some developing country Parties that have successfully secured funding under the CBIT have yet to request disbursement and *encourages* them to urgently initiate the process of receiving the funds;

15. *Requests* the secretariat, in coordination with United Nations and other international organizations, to strive to:

(a) Raise awareness of opportunities for support for reporting under the Paris Agreement;

(b) Ensure that technical support and training is made available to developing country Parties for reporting under the Paris Agreement;

(c) Facilitate regional cooperation for promoting exchange of experience, lessons learned and best practices and networking among Parties;

(d) Promote better coordination among [support providers] [channels of support] [and use of available support];

Option 1: [No text]

Option 2: [Requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop a set of actions for addressing the challenges that developing country Parties face in implementing the enhanced transparency framework in a sustainable manner, including in establishing and enhancing national reporting systems within their respective national Governments, with a view to recommending a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its X session (month year);]

Option 3: [Decides to establish a workplan for 2024–2028 to enhance the provision of financial, technical and capacity-building support to developing country Parties for building sustainable institutional capacity for fulfilling their obligations under the ETF, in particular establishing and implementing national reporting systems, by facilitating exchange of experience and knowledge-sharing, collecting information on capacity-building activities, and identifying gaps and needs and promoting matching of those needs with support, in a manner that builds on and complements relevant platforms, workstreams and activities under the Paris Agreement.

Dubai transparency capacity workplan

1. [Placeholder for the objective]

Preliminary list of activities (not exhaustive)	Responsible Entity	Timeline	Deliverable(s)
Provide timely financial support for reporting that is fit for purpose	GEF		
Review and analyse the indicative cost structure of the three GEF support modalities for the preparation of BTRs with a view to increasing the total amount allocated to each developing country Party	GEF		
Request the GEF to revise internal policies and procedures to enable the challenges faced by developing countries to be addressed	GEF		
Provide financial and technical support for building sustainable institutional arrangements and legal frameworks, including establishment of a dedicated transparency unit that is adequately staffed and provided with required tools and equipment	Developed country Parties, CGE, GEF, bilateral sources, multilateral sources, etc.		
Provide financial and technical support for the development of national reporting systems			
Enhance the capacity of personnel and stakeholders in the various areas of transparency at the national level	All stakeholders		
Enhance coordination between the scope of national CBIT projects and enabling activities projects			
Ensure better coordination between support providers to avoid duplication of efforts and ineffective use of resources			
Conduct periodic capacity needs assessments and ensure the availability of knowledge products and tools in appropriate languages to overcome the inequality posed by language barriers			
Enhance regional cooperation for promoting exchange of experience, lessons learned and best practices and to enable networking among Parties			

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