Mid-Week Update from the COP31 Presidency and Presidency of Negotiations on Organization of Work

Dear Heads of Delegation,

Thank you for your close engagement this week. We have 21 mandated items on the agendas which are yet to reach resolution, and time is running short. We need to intensify our efforts, bridge remaining differences and finalize draft text.

We ask you to act with the urgency the climate response requires to complete our work here in Antalya with consensus outcomes across all items. Please encourage your delegations to accelerate the pace of work.

To provide clarity and predictability, we are informing Parties of the organization of work for the rest of this week. We share these arrangements in keeping with our commitment to transparency, inclusivity and predictability, to assist Parties in planning.

We appreciate Parties' constructive engagement and the substantial progress achieved across a number of agenda items, including the host of the Climate Technology Centre, the Third Review of the CTCN, Action for Climate Empowerment, Periodic Review, GCF, GEF and FRLD, NAPs, LDC Matters and Article 6 items. Additional negotiating time will be allocated to these items today (Wednesday 18 November) to support their finalization. We encourage heads of delegation to authorize your negotiators to exercise flexibility and agree text in rooms today, as there will be limited scope to allocate additional ti

We also acknowledge the intensive efforts made on other matters, including relating to just transition, adaptation, finance, mitigation and response measures. While important progress has been made, further work and political engagement will be required to bridge remaining differences and secure consensus. The Presidency will make negotiating time available for Parties to resolve outstanding issues today.

We thank the Ministerial pairs for their engagement with Parties this week. We will continue to work closely with co-facilitators and Ministerial pairs to identify pathways towards convergence and support Parties in advancing negotiations including through the release of draft texts by early tomorrow (Thursday, 19 November).

The Presidency is continuing its consultations on the adoption of the rules of procedure and decision-making in UNFCCC matters. Consultations will also be undertaken on the dates and venues of future sessions and the report of the high-level ministerial round table on increased ambition of Kyoto Protocol commitments.

On Monday, the Presidency announced it would invite two Party representatives to conduct a consultation on strengthening the UNFCCC process with Parties at head of

delegation level on the way forward for this conversation. This consultation will take place on tomorrow (Thursday 19 November). Further advice will be shared shortly.

We are grateful for the meaningful engagement from Parties on the proposed Presidency-initiated, Party-driven cover decision, for your time in head of delegation consults and for your submissions. We are reflecting carefully on the views expressed and will provide a new draft for Party consideration as soon as possible. We remain committed to consultation with Parties in a manner which is inclusive, transparent and predictable. Any decision, and elements therein, will be agreed by consensus. We ask that Parties be prepared to meet with the Presidency for further consultations on this proposed decision as required.

As informed during the plenary meeting on Saturday, 14 November, we will convene a Divan today, on Wednesday, 18 November. A concept note with information on the Divan was shared with Parties last night.

On Thursday, 19 November, we plan to convene the first part of the closing plenaries of the governing bodies to consider and adopt draft decisions that are ready for adoption. Information regarding the timing of the first part of the closing plenaries will be communicated shortly. Additional draft decisions that become ready thereafter will be proposed for adoption during the second part of the closing plenaries later in the week.

As we finalise our work, it is our expectation that all delegates will continue to uphold the UNFCCC Code of Conduct and act with the professionalism we have observed so far this year. We remind all delegates that the code of conduct provides that Video and Audio Recordings, including by wearable devices, are strictly prohibited during open and closed official meetings (including contact groups). Delegates are encouraged to bring such instances to the attention of the secretariat.

Finally, colleagues we reemphasize to all Parties that there is a substantial number of outstanding nominations for officers under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, including for many Constituted Bodies. We urge Parties to transmit remaining nominations as soon as possible, bearing in mind the importance of gender and regional parity.

We thank you for your ongoing cooperation and resolve to secure ambitious, Party-driven outcomes at COP31 that accelerate action and implementation.

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