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INFORMATION TO PARTIES

Operationalization of the guidance of the Bureau to extend the current membership of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies

This is to inform Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement about the operationalization of the guidance of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) to extend the current membership of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies, as needed, until successors can be appointed or elected.

In its [notification dated 3 September 2020](#), the secretariat informed Parties and observers that, to enable work mandated for 2020 and 2021 to be delivered at COP 26 in November 2021, with a view to bringing the UNFCCC process back on track by the end of 2021, to the extent possible, the Bureau had confirmed the application of and requested the secretariat to proceed in operationalizing certain criteria, including extending the current membership of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies, as needed, until successors can be appointed or elected. On 21 September 2020, the secretariat notified the members and alternate members of the constituted bodies of the guidance of the Bureau.

The secretariat developed an approach to operationalizing the guidance of the Bureau after consulting with the chair of the consultations on elections and the chairs and coordinators of the regional groups and constituencies. Further to the general agreement of the chairs and coordinators on the approach, the chair of the consultations on elections advised the secretariat to proceed with operationalizing the guidance of the Bureau.

Details on the operationalization of the guidance of the Bureau are contained in the annex to this note. In this context, the secretariat will update the relevant membership charts and electoral records. A communication to Parties inviting nominations for positions open for appointment or election within the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies during 2021 will be issued in due course.

Distribution: To Parties through their national focal points for climate change, permanent representatives to the United Nations in New York and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.



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Information on the UNFCCC electoral process (including an overview of the process and membership information) and the current gender composition of UNFCCC bodies is available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/election-and-membership>.

For any questions or further information on elections, please contact the secretariat at elections@unfccc.int.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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Annex

Operationalization of the guidance of the Bureau of the COP, the CMP and the CMA to extend the current membership of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies

In its [notification dated 3 September 2020](#), the secretariat informed Parties and observers that, to enable work mandated for 2020 and 2021 to be delivered at COP 26 in November 2021, with a view to bringing the UNFCCC process back on track by the end of 2021, to the extent possible, the Bureau had confirmed the application of and requested the secretariat to proceed in operationalizing certain criteria, including extending the current membership of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies, as needed, until successors can be appointed or elected.

Further to the request of the Bureau, the secretariat, after consulting with the chair of the consultations on elections and the chairs and coordinators of the regional groups and constituencies, developed an approach to operationalizing the guidance of the Bureau to extend the current membership of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies. It should be noted that:

- The extension applies only to current members and alternate members within the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies whose membership has been impacted by the postponement to 2021 of the negotiating sessions that were scheduled to be held in 2020;
- The procedures and modalities governing the work of these bodies remain unchanged, including procedures governing the intersessional replacement of members and alternate members;
- The extension is without prejudice to any arrangements of groups or constituencies that concern specific positions of members or alternate members within the Convention, Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement bodies.

A. Current members and alternate members of bodies whose membership has been extended

The terms of office of the current members and alternate members of bodies impacted by the postponement to 2021 of the negotiating sessions that were scheduled to be held in 2020 will be extended by one year, as the positions of the current members and alternate members within these bodies were open for appointment or election, as applicable, during the negotiating sessions in 2020 in accordance with the relevant decisions of the COP, the CMP and the CMA. The extension will be effective as of the date on which the current term of office of each member or alternate member was scheduled to expire. After this period, the positions of these members and alternate members will be open for appointment or election in accordance with the relevant decisions of the COP, the CMP and the CMA. These bodies are as follows:

1. Bureau of the COP, the CMP and the CMA;
2. Bureau of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
3. Bureau of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
4. Adaptation Committee;
5. Adaptation Fund Board;
6. Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network;



7. Consultative Group of Experts;
8. Executive Board of the clean development mechanism;
9. Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts;
10. Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee;
11. Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures;
12. Least Developed Countries Expert Group;
13. Paris Committee on Capacity-building;
14. Standing Committee on Finance;
15. Technology Executive Committee.

B. Current members and alternate members of bodies whose membership has not been extended

The terms of office of current members and alternate members of the following three bodies below will not be extended. The membership of these bodies has not been impacted by the postponement to 2021 of the negotiating sessions that were scheduled to be held in 2020, as none of the positions of the current members and alternate members within these three bodies were open for appointment or election, as applicable, during the negotiating sessions in 2020 in accordance with the relevant decisions of the COP, the CMP and the CMA. These bodies are as follows:

1. Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
2. Kyoto Protocol Compliance Committee;
3. Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee.

Positions of members and alternate members within these three bodies will be open for appointment or election in accordance with the relevant decisions of the COP, the CMP and the CMA.