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on

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Matters relating to reporting and review under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement: options for conducting reviews on a voluntary basis of the information reported pursuant to chapter IV of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1, and respective training courses needed to facilitate these voluntary reviews

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Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) considered options for conducting reviews on a voluntary basis of the information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, and respective training courses needed to facilitate these voluntary reviews, including the associated budgetary considerations.¹
2. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the views submitted² by Parties³ and those exchanged at the session on these matters.
3. The SBSTA recommended a draft decision on these matters for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022) (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2022/L.X/Add.X).

Draft decision -/CMA.4

Review on a voluntary basis of information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, and training courses needed

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

Recalling Article 13 of the Paris Agreement,

Also recalling decision 18/CMA.1 and annex, and decision 5/CMA.3 and annexes IV, VI and VII,

Recognizing the important role that reviews, on a voluntary basis, of the information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV (hereinafter referred to as voluntary reviews) could play in facilitating improved reporting of this information over time and enhancing the capacity of experts,

Also recognizing the important role that voluntary reviews could play in facilitating the sharing of experience and best practices related to reporting such information,

[Further recognizing the important role that voluntary reviews could play in facilitating consideration of collective progress towards the global goal on adaptation, recognition of the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties and enhancing understanding of action and support related to loss and damage associated with climate change impacts,]

[Further] recognizing the need to undertake voluntary reviews in an efficient manner without placing undue burden on the technical expert review teams, Parties or the secretariat,

1. *Decides* that a Party may, on a voluntary basis, request the secretariat to organize a review of the information reported by the Party pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex,

¹ As per decision 5/CMA.3, para. 38.

² <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>

³ As per decision 5/CMA.3, para. 39.

chapter IV, as part of the technical expert review undertaken pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter VII;

[Option 1:

2. *Also decides* that the review referred to in paragraph 1 consists of:

(a) Identification of capacity-building needs related to information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter VII;

(b) [Identification of areas for improvement related to information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter VII;]

Option 2:

2. *[Also decides* that the scope of the review referred to in paragraph 1 above is as per decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter VII, paragraph 146, as relevant;].

3. *[Further decides* that the Party undergoing the review referred to in paragraph 1 above may elect all information or specific topics within the information reported by the Party pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, to be reviewed;]

4. *Further decides* that a Party may submit a request for the review referred to in paragraph 1 above to the secretariat either as part of the overview section of the biennial transparency report or when agreeing on the dates of the technical expert review;

5. *Decides* that the outcome of the review referred to in paragraph 1 above should be presented in [a separate section of][a dedicated annex to] the technical expert review report referred to in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter VII, paragraph 187;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to include in the technical expert review team an expert with relevant expertise in the areas outlined in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, who has completed the course on general and cross-cutting aspects for the technical expert review under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement referred to in decision 5/CMA.3, annex VII, and the training course referred to in paragraph 8 below, taking into account paragraph 34 of decision 5/CMA.3, to conduct the review referred to in paragraph 1 above;

7. *Reiterates* the invitation⁴ to Parties and, as appropriate, intergovernmental organizations to nominate technical experts with the relevant expertise and experience in the areas outlined in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, to the UNFCCC roster of experts;

8. *Invites* the secretariat to develop and implement a training course for experts participating in the review referred to in paragraph 1 above, incorporating, as appropriate, technical advice from the Consultative Group of Experts [and other relevant UNFCCC constituted bodies,] and lead reviewers, as part of the training programme referred to in decision 5/CMA.3, annex VII, by the earliest feasible date, to the extent possible, before the first technical expert review of biennial transparency reports, subject to the availability of financial resources;

9. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources;

10. *Invites* developed country Parties, and other Parties on a voluntary basis, to provide financial resources to enable the secretariat to develop and implement in a timely manner the training course referred to in paragraphs 6 and 8 above.]

⁴ Decision 18/CMA.1, para. 5.