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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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Reviews 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 that flexibility for those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities is reflected in the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, contained in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1,]

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 [from developing country Parties],

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

[Option 1:

Also recalling Article 13, paragraph 5, which provides that a purpose of the framework for transparency of action is to provide a clear understanding of climate change action in the light of the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2, including clarity and tracking of progress towards achieving Parties' individual nationally determined contributions under Article 4, and Parties' adaptation actions under Article 7, including good practices, priorities, needs and gaps, to inform the global stocktake under Article 14, and *recognizing* in that regard that voluntary review of the information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, contributes to this purpose,]

[Option 2:

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,

[Also recognizing the importance of training the experts who conduct the voluntary reviews and allocating resources to facilitate the review,]

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,

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

{Option A: Text will continue from paragraph 6.}

{Option B: Text will continue from paragraph 2.}

2. *[Option I:*

Also decides that the review referred to in paragraph 1 above[, taking into account paragraphs 147–149 of decision 18/CMA.1,] [consists of][aims to]:

(a) [A review of the information submitted by the Party under Article 13, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement against the MPGs contained in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV;]

(b) Identification of capacity-building needs related to [reporting] [information reported] pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV;

(c)

[Option 1: Facilitating improved reporting by discussing areas for improvement identified by the Party in consultation with the technical expert review team related to information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV;]

[Option 2: Identification of areas for improvement related to information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV;]

(d) [Assist Parties in identifying gaps, needs, challenges and solutions related to [information reported in relation to] climate change impacts and adaptation actions by sharing feedback of the technical expert review team and through learning by doing, but not review the adequacy of adaptation actions;]]

[Option II:

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[–149], 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 invitation¹ 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

¹ Decision 18/CMA.1, para. 5.

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. *[Option 1: Requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources;]*

[Option 2: Requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources and after the budget needed to implement the technical expert review referred to in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter VII, and the training programme referred to in decision 5/CMA.3, annex VII, is met;]

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.]]*