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Appointment of Co-Chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue for 2024-2025

Dear Ms. Blatter,
Dear Mr. Nasr,

In relation to decision 1/CMA.4¹ and the recently adopted decision on matters related to the Standing Committee on Finance at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA)², I am pleased to nominate you as co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue for 2024 and 2025.

Building on the work undertaken in 2023 on the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue³, Parties in the United Arab Emirates agreed on the following set of activities and organizational modalities that should guide and facilitate your work ahead:

- **Continuation and strengthening of the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue** between Parties, relevant organizations and stakeholders to exchange views on and enhance understanding of the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement and its complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement referred to in decision 1/CMA.4, paragraph 68, including with regard to the operationalization and implementation of Article 2, paragraph 1(c), in 2024 and 2025, recognizing the significant scale of investment needed to keep the global average temperature rise to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, and to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate-resilient and low greenhouse gas emission development, including in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty;

¹ Decision 1/CMA.4, para. 68.

² Paragraph 9 of the decision entitled “Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance” adopted under agenda item 10(a) of CMA 5, available at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma5_auv_10a_scf.pdf.

³ See <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/workstreams/sharm-el-sheikh-dialogue/sharm-el-sheikh-dialogue> and FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/7/Rev.1.

- **Workshops:** The secretariat, under the guidance of the co-chairs of the dialogue, to organize at least two workshops per year with a view to engaging a broad range of relevant stakeholders and to prepare a report on each workshop;
- **Call for submissions and workshop reports in preparing the work:** Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, climate finance institutions, observers and observer organizations, and other stakeholders, particularly from the private sector, were invited to submit via the submission portal by 31 March 2024 their views on the issues to be addressed during the workshops. The co-chairs were requested, in convening the workshops, to take into consideration the submissions and the reports on the workshops, and to facilitate the participation of a broad range of relevant stakeholders;
- **Annual reports:** To prepare a report on the deliberations under the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue in 2024 and 2025 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its sixth and seventh sessions respectively, including as part of the report in 2025 a synthesis of all work undertaken under the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue.

The work that you will facilitate in 2024 and 2025 is instrumental to enhance the understanding on the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c) and its complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement, including with regard to the operationalization and implementation of Article 2, paragraph 1(c). I therefore encourage you, in conducting the dialogue in 2024 and 2025, to work closely with the Presidency team, the UNFCCC secretariat and relevant experts and assure you of the Presidency's full support.

I wish you success in your work of leading the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue.

Yours sincerely,



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