

# Review of the Term of Reference of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communication from Parties not Included to the Annex I to the Convention

## Draft Decision text

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

*Recalling the relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 7, and the provisions the Paris Agreement,*

*Further recalling decisions 8/CP.5, 3/CP.8, 8/CP.11, 17/CP.8, 5/CP.15, 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 14/CP.17, 17/CP.18, 18/CP.18, 13/CP.19, 19/CP.19, 20/CP.19 and 20/CP.22,*

*Noting the progress made by the Consultative Group of Experts as reflected in its 2018 progress report, and in the report on overview of delivery of its mandate in the period 2014–2018;*

*Also noting that the Consultative Group of Experts was mandated to continue for a period of five years from 2014 to 2018,*

*Having reviewed the mandate and terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts thereof,*

*Recognizing the need for an effective and progressive response to the urgent threat of climate change on the basis of the best available scientific knowledge,*

*Recognizing the specific needs and special circumstances of developing country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as provided for in the Convention,*

*Noting the great need and demand to enhance the national capacities of developing country Parties to prepare their NCs and BURs with a focus on putting in place sustainable institutional arrangements;*

*Realizing* the several extensions of the mandate of the Consultative Group of Experts taking into consideration the progress that had been achieved.

1. *Agrees* that, the ongoing and enhanced need for expert advice in the context of implementation of the Measurement, Reporting and Verification arrangements under the Convention, the Consultative Group of Experts shall serve its current functions and responsibilities established under the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Decides* that, the ongoing and enhanced need for expert advice in the context of implementation of the Paris Agreement, the Consultative Group of Experts shall also serve the Paris Agreement as in line with its functions and responsibilities established under the Conference of the Parties;
3. *Decides* that the Consultative Group of Experts, in fulfilling its mandate, shall function in accordance with the current terms of reference contained in the annex to the Decision 20/CP.19;
4. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention for a period of XXX years from 2019 to YYYY;
5. *Decides* to consider updating, at its twenty-fifth session (November–December 2019), the mandate and the terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts, following a process describe in the Annex of this decision, in order to provide technical assistance and support to developing country Parties arising from the relevant decisions taken by the COP and the CMA, with a view to adopting a decision at the same session, taking into account the need to maintain it as a permanent body under the convention.
6. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
7. *Strongly urges* Parties that have not made contributions to do so without further delay, including to support the work of the Consultative Group of Experts;
8. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the actions of the Consultative Group of Experts called for in paragraph 1 above, subject to the availability of financial resources in the core budget.

## Annex: Process to design the revised CGE ToR

To be developed by requesting submissions from parties by February 2019.

Organization of a Technical Workshop organized by the CGE and UNFCCC Secretariat

Technical paper prepared by the CGE to be released prior the SB's to serve as a technical input during May session.