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on

SBI 49 agenda item:

4(c) Review of the terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

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Review of the terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

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,

Also recalling decisions 8/CP.5, 3/CP.8, 17/CP.8, 8/CP.11, 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,

Acknowledging the contributions of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention to enhancing capacity-building and participation in measurement, reporting and verification arrangements for developing countries under the Convention,

Recognizing that the Consultative Group of Experts plays an important role in facilitating technical advice and support for the preparation and submission of national communications and biennial update reports,

Also recognizing that the preparation of national communications is a continuous process,

1. *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 [two] [three] [four] [five] years;
2. *Also 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 decision 19/CP.19;
3. *Requests* the Consultative Group of Experts to develop, at its first meeting in 2019, a work programme consistent with the period identified in paragraph 1 above, taking into account the needs of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, the provisions under the Convention and the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
4. (Decides on to the way Forward - PLACEHOLDER);
5. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.