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

Recalling Article 7, paragraphs 11 and 12, of the Paris Agreement,

Registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, and possible linkages with the registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12

Option A

1. *Decides* to establish a public registry for adaptation communications referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement;

1. bis Option 1: *Also decides* that the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above will contain only the adaptation communications submitted by Parties as a stand-alone document; as a document that is extracted from the national adaptation plan, national communication or nationally determined contribution; or as a document submitted as part of, or in conjunction with, any vehicle the Party may choose;

1 bis Option 2: *Also decides* that the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above will contain only adaptation communications submitted by Parties as a stand-alone document and hyperlinks to various websites or registries where adaptation communications can be found in cases where the adaptation communication is submitted through another vehicle chosen by the Party;

1 bis Option 3: *Also decides* that the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be maintained by the secretariat, together with the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement in a public registry with two parts: adaptation communications and nationally determined contributions;

End of option A

Option B

1. *Decides* that no public registry for adaptation communications will be developed, and that each Party may choose any of the existing web platforms or registries maintained by the secretariat for national adaptation plans, national communications and nationally determined contributions, to submit its adaptation communication;

End of option B

Modalities and procedures for the public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12

2. **Option 1:** *Adopts* the modalities and procedures for the operation and use of the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above as contained in the annex;

Option 2: *Also decides* that the modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement (as referred to in decision **x/CMA**) be applied as the modalities and procedures for the operation and use of the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above;

Option 3 No text on modalities and procedures.

Further action on the public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12

3. *Requests* the secretariat to develop [the] [a prototype] public registry for adaptation communications referred to in paragraph 1 above by **May/June 2019**[, in accordance with the modalities and procedures referred to in paragraph 2 above];
4. **Option 1:** *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to review and update the modalities and procedures for the operation and use of the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above at its **XX** session (**Month, Year**), and every five years thereafter, with a view to making a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement for its consideration and adoption;

Option 2: No text.

5. *Takes note of* the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph[s] [X] above;
6. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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Annex

Modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry for adaptation communications referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement

I. Modalities for the operation of the public registry

1. The public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement:
 - (a) Presents information on the recorded adaptation communication in a tabular format, with one row for each adaptation communication contained therein, and table columns displaying, as appropriate, name of Party, document title, [document type] [vehicle, with hyperlinks to corresponding documents], version number, status, language and submission date;
 - (b) Provides the flexibility for each Party to submit its adaptation communication in the chosen vehicle;
 - (c) Has the capability of sorting, recording and displaying adaptation communications, for example alphabetically or chronologically [or by region] [by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention or by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention];
 - (d) Preserves the integrity of the adaptation communications in accordance with the national determination nature;
 - (e) Avoids unauthorized access to or alteration of its contents by using Internet security measures;
 - (f) Ensures user-friendly navigation to and between relevant registries and other web resources;
 - (g) Utilizes relevant web tools (e.g. RSS (a system for distributing content to Internet users)) to notify users of new and modified registry content;
 - (h) Constitutes an intuitive, easy-to-use web-based platform;
 - (i) Provides a user-friendly interface in all six official languages of the United Nations.

II. Procedures for the use of the public registry

A. Submission of adaptation communications

2. The national focal point of each Party submits the Party's adaptation communication by uploading it to the web-based platform, or by informing the secretariat of the vehicle used as an adaptation communication using the unique user account for the public registry.

3. Option 1: Parties submit an adaptation communication as a stand-alone document; as an extract from the national adaptation plan, national communication or nationally determined contribution; or as a document submitted as part of, or in conjunction with, any vehicle the Party may choose.

Option 2: The public registry contains only adaptation communications submitted as stand-alone documents and hyperlinks to adaptation communications submitted in any other vehicle.

4. The secretariat:
 - (a) Provides each Party with a unique user account for the public registry;
 - (b) Undertakes a completeness and Internet security check of all submitted adaptation communications before recording them in the public registry;
 - (c) Provides technical assistance to Parties for uploading adaptation communications to the public registry, as required.

B. Maintaining adaptation communications

5. The public registry constitutes an archive and maintains all previously submitted adaptation communications as a matter of public record. [Parties may, with the assistance of the secretariat, replace or delete previously submitted adaptation communications.]

C. Access to adaptation communications

6. Parties, non-Party actors, other stakeholders and the public can [search], view, read and download adaptation communications from the public registry.
7. Adaptation communications submitted by Parties are made available in different file sizes and resolutions for easy download in countries with slow Internet speed or otherwise limited capability for downloading files from the public registry.

III. Roles

8. The national focal point of each Party manages the Party's interaction with the secretariat regarding the adaptation communication in the public registry.
9. The national focal point of each Party is assigned a unique user account to manage the Party's content in the public registry.
10. The secretariat communicates with and provides assistance to Parties, non-Party actors, other stakeholders and the public in using the public registry, including through a user guide, training programmes and online support.