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## Key Elements to be considered for the KCI Mid Term Review (MTR)

### AOSIS Priorities

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1. We want to thank Parties for their submission and welcome the Secretariat for the synthesis report of the potential elements of the Mid-Term Review. We would also like to invite the Secretariat to deliver a presentation on the synthesis report of the potential elements of the Mid-Term Review presented by Parties.
  2. We remain flexible as to the elements that Parties would like to consider in the KCI's Mid-Term Review, as long as they are considered fairly and in an equally balanced manner with a view of improving the KCI's work plan. However, AOSIS would like to focus its submission on the following 4 elements:
    - a. **Relevance and Coherence** - Parties expressed the view that the work plan should be reviewed in terms of its relevance to the needs and priorities of Parties and stakeholders and **to other workstreams**, and **processes under the UNFCCC**, including the relevance of its activities, modalities and outputs to the functions of the forum. In this regard, AOSIS would like to particularly highlight the **Mitigation Work Programme** as a key workstream that the KCI and the forum should take account. It is only in this way that we can ensure that the KCI and the forum are purposefully addressing the adverse impacts faced by parties, particularly for SIDS. In this regard, addressing the adverse impacts of response measure will incentivize greater ambition in countries.

Also in relation to ensuring the relevance of the work plan, it was proposed in the submissions to incorporate an activity to facilitate exchange and sharing of experience of other workstreams and Constituted Bodies that have linkages with response measures. It was also suggested in the submissions to incorporate consideration of trade related issues such as the issue of the carbon border adjustment mechanism in the midterm review (refer to KCI/2021/5/4 pages 11-16).

This will also contribute to coherence.

**b. Effectiveness and Impact** - Additionally, AOSIS interprets effectiveness and impact to mean whether the KCI's work plan has led to tangible and concrete outputs and outcomes that have enhanced the capacity of countries to respond to the negative social and economic consequences of response measures. In this regard, we suggest the following recommendations:

- i. Given SIDS special circumstances, our economies and livelihoods are highly dependent on air and maritime transportation and tourism is a key economic sector. We are also highly import dependent countries and therefore, connectivity through air/marine is imperative for the survival of our small economies. Therefore, we would like to particularly refer to KCI Technical Paper (Ref: KCI/2021/5/4) on Activity 4, Table 2 with a view to further enhance the table to also include impacts of RM measures on maritime/air transportation and tourism to navigate how the KCI can foster support and access to these.
- ii. We seek to ensure that the KCI's work plan is effective and has impact on ground with practitioners and is beneficial for countries. Following the written informal reports and inputs provided by Parties at the workshops, we are of the view that forms the basis for the need for more capacity-building workshops, that are appropriately timed, that can take place inter-sessionally and with more practitioners. Furthermore, we would like case studies to support the KCI activities, specifically with options for country specific case studies, including SIDS. This should be a common modality for all activities, as case studies are a great way to learn from and can also be done with minimal resources
- iii. In terms of the outputs, we should also look at concrete deliverables such as guidelines of good practices
- iv. Inclusion of an activity on exchange of views/experiences on means of implementation to enhance planning and implementation of activities related to Response Measures.
- v. We also request that the KCI and meetings of the forum and workshops are organized in more effective manner, so that it does not overlap with other meetings such as the AOSIS and G77 Coordination days which takes place in adjacent to the SB/COP session. We also see the need to allocate more time for the KCI and its forum to effectively implement their activities. Therefore, we propose more intersessional Inter-sessional work, which is also proven to be more impactful.

3. Looking forward, following the mid-term review, we expect the KCI to revise their work plan with a view to ensure that it is both impactful, especially for SIDS, and the delivery of its work plan is timely. We hope with a more impactful work plan, resources will be allocated to support developing countries, in particular SIDS.