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Proposal by the President

Decision -/CMA.4

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

Recalling the Paris Agreement,

Reaffirming the Paris Agreement temperature goal of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels,

Recalling decision 1/CMA.3,

Also recalling decision 1/CMA.3, paragraph 27, in which it was decided to establish a work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade in a manner that complements the global stocktake,

Recognizing the importance of the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking,

Noting the assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that the impacts of climate change will be much lower at a temperature increase of 1.5 °C compared with 2 °C, and the resolve to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C,

Also noting that this requires immediate, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions,

Emphasizing the urgent need for Parties to increase their efforts to collectively reduce emissions through accelerated action and implementation of domestic mitigation measures in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decision 1/CMA.3, paragraph 29, in which Articles 3 and 4, paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 11, of the Paris Agreement were recalled and Parties were requested to revisit and strengthen the 2030 targets in their nationally determined contributions as necessary to align with the Paris Agreement temperature goal, taking into account different national circumstances,

Noting the importance of aligning nationally determined contributions with long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, which provides that each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions that it intends to achieve, and Parties shall pursue domestic mitigation measures with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions,

Also recalling Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, which provides that developed country Parties should continue taking the lead by undertaking economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets, and that developing country Parties should continue enhancing their mitigation efforts and are encouraged to move over time towards economy-wide emission reduction or limitation targets, in the light of different national circumstances,

Further recalling Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement, which provides that support shall be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation of Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, in accordance with Articles 9–11, recognizing that enhanced support for developing country Parties will allow for higher ambition in their actions,

Reaffirming the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions,

1. *Confirms* that the objective of the work programme for urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation referred to in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CMA.3 shall be to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade in a manner that complements the global stocktake;
2. *Decides* that the work programme shall be operationalized through focused exchanges of views, information and ideas, noting that the outcomes of the work programme will be non-prescriptive, non-punitive, facilitative, respectful of national sovereignty and national circumstances, take into account the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions and will not impose new targets or goals;
3. *Also decides* that the work programme shall function in a manner that is consistent with the procedures and timelines for communication of successive nationally determined contributions established in the Paris Agreement, recalling its Article 4, paragraph 11 and decision 1/CMA.3.
4. *Further decides* that the scope of the work programme should be based on broad thematic areas relevant to urgently scaling up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade and include all sectors covered in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, thematic areas in the contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,¹ and relevant enabling conditions, technologies, just transitions and cross-cutting issues;
5. *Decides* that implementation of the work programme will start immediately after the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and continue until its eighth session (2026), with a view to adopting a decision on the continuation of the work programme at that session;

¹ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 2022. *Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. P Shukla, J Skea, R Slade, et al. (eds.). Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/>.

6. *Also decides* that the work programme will be carried out under the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
7. *Requests* the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to appoint, well in advance of the fifty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2023) and every two years thereafter, in consultation with respective constituencies, two co-chairs for the work programme, one from a developed country Party and one from a developing country Party;
8. *Decides* that at least two global dialogues shall be held each year as part of the work programme, with one to be held prior to the first regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the year, starting at their fifty-eighth sessions, and one prior to the second regular sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the year, starting at their fifty-ninth sessions (November–December 2023), and that such dialogues should be conducted in hybrid format to allow both in-person and virtual participation;
9. *Also decides* that other in-person or hybrid dialogues may be held each year in conjunction with existing events, such as the regional climate weeks, at the discretion of the co-chairs of the work programme with a view to ensuring inclusive and balanced geographical representation at the dialogues;
10. *Requests* the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the co-chairs of the work programme, the dialogues referred to in paragraphs 8–9 above in such a manner as to facilitate a focused exchange of views, information and ideas, as well as the active participation of and interaction between Parties and relevant non-Party stakeholders, while encouraging the high-level champions to support the effective participation of non-Party stakeholders, and reflect the objective and the scope of the work programme referred to in paragraphs 1 and 4 above respectively;
11. *Also requests* the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the co-chairs of the work programme and with the support of the high-level champions, on the margins of the dialogues referred to in paragraphs 8–9 above, investment-focused events, considering the cost of mitigation implementation, with a view to unlocking finance, including for just transitions, overcoming barriers to access to finance and identifying investment opportunities and actionable solutions informed by nationally determined contributions to help public and private financiers, investors and international climate finance providers direct finance flows towards supporting areas of opportunity to enhance mitigation in this critical decade;
12. *Invites* Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal² by 1 February 2023 and every year thereafter suggested topics in line with the scope of the work programme referred to in paragraph 4 above to be discussed under the dialogues;
13. *Decides* that the co-chairs of the work programme, considering the submissions referred to in paragraph 12 above, will decide on and communicate by 1 March 2023 and every year thereafter the topics to be discussed at each dialogue in that year;
14. *Invites* Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders to submit their views on opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions, challenges and barriers relevant to the topics of the dialogues referred to in paragraph 13 above via the submission portal four weeks before each dialogue;
15. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare, under the guidance of the co-chairs of the work programme, a report on each of the dialogues referred to in paragraphs 8–9 above, reflecting in a comprehensive and balanced manner the discussions held and including a summary, key findings, and opportunities and barriers relevant to the topic, and to prepare an annual report comprising a compilation of the individual dialogue reports for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

² <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

16. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, taking into account the annual report referred to in paragraph 15 above, to consider progress, including key findings, opportunities and barriers, in implementing the work programme with a view to recommending a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at each of its sessions;

17. *Invites* the co-chairs of the work programme to make a presentation on the annual report referred to in paragraph 15 above at the annual high-level ministerial round table on pre-2030 ambition, starting at the second round table (2023);

18. *Notes* that the annual reports referred to in paragraph 15 above will be made available for the global stocktake consistently with the modalities set out in decision 19/CMA.1;

19. *Encourages* Parties to make available sufficient resources for the successful and timely implementation of the work programme;

20. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 8–10 and 15 above;

21. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
