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**Annual report of the Paris Agreement Implementation and  
Compliance Committee to the Conference of the Parties  
serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement\***

*Summary*

The fourth annual report of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee covers activities undertaken between 13 August 2022 and 12 September 2023. The report provides a summary of the work of and matters addressed by the Committee during the reporting period.

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## **I. Introduction**

### **A. Mandate**

1. Under Article 15, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement, a mechanism to facilitate implementation of and promote compliance with the provisions of the Agreement was established, consisting, in accordance with Article 15, paragraph 2, of a committee.
2. Pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 3, of the Paris Agreement and paragraph 36 of the modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the committee referred to in Article 15, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement (the Committee),<sup>1</sup> the Committee is to report annually to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).

### **B. Scope of the report**

3. This fourth annual report of the Committee covers activities undertaken between 13 August 2022 and 12 September 2023. It contains information on the outcomes of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> meetings and the 7<sup>th</sup> informal meeting of the Committee (see chap. II below), information on communications and outreach (see chap. III below), information on budget (see chap. IV below) and recommendations for consideration by the CMA (see chap. V below).

## **II. Work undertaken during the reporting period**

### **A. Organizational matters**

4. The Committee held two meetings in hybrid format (combined in-person and virtual participation): its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting from 18 to 19 April 2023 and its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting from 11 to 12 September 2023.
5. It also met informally (in virtual format) on 6 February 2023 (7<sup>th</sup> informal meeting).
6. The most up-to-date list of members and alternate members of the Committee, elected at CMA 4 or nominated subsequently by the respective Party or regional group or constituency, is contained in the annex.

### **B. Meetings**

7. The Committee conducted its work on the basis of its workplan.

#### **1. Seventh informal meeting (6 February 2023)**

8. The Committee discussed its draft workplan for the biennium 2023–2024. The draft workplan provides an overview of the activities for 2023–2024, including activities to raise stakeholder awareness of the role of the Committee, activities to enhance linkages with relevant workstreams and arrangements under the Paris Agreement, and activities to strengthen engagement with relevant bodies, under or serving the Paris Agreement.
9. The outcomes of the discussions at the meeting served as informal inputs to the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee.

#### **2. Ninth meeting (18–19 April 2023)**

10. The Committee adopted its workplan for the biennium 2023–2024,<sup>2</sup> which includes a recommendation to the CMA to undertake the first review of the Committee's modalities and

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<sup>1</sup> See decision 20/CMA.1, annex.

<sup>2</sup> See Committee document PAICC/2023/M9/4, annex 2.

procedures in 2024, noting that CMA 7 will take place in 2025 instead of 2024 owing to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

11. In accordance with rule 18, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Committee,<sup>3</sup> the secretariat made available to the Committee the most up-to-date information on (1) communication and maintenance of nationally determined contributions by Parties in the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement and (2) submissions of mandatory biennial communications of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement via the online portal referred to in decision 12/CMA.1, paragraph 6.

12. Based on information made available by the secretariat, the Committee found that a Party<sup>4</sup> had not communicated a nationally determined contribution, as per Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement and taking into account decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 22, and decided to initiate a consideration of issues pursuant to rule 18, paragraph 2(a), of its rules of procedure. The Committee agreed to proceed by notifying the Party concerned in accordance with rule 20 of its rules of procedure.

13. Also based on information made available by the secretariat, the Committee found that a Party<sup>5</sup> had not submitted a mandatory biennial communication of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement, and decided to initiate a consideration of issues in accordance with rule 18, paragraph 2(d), of its rules of procedure. The Committee agreed to proceed by notifying the Party concerned in accordance with rule 20 of its rules of procedure. Although members and alternate members expressed different views on the term “developed country Parties”, under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement, the Committee reached consensus and agreed that initiating a consideration of issues with respect to that Party was appropriate.

14. Following the notification of the Parties concerned, the Committee decided that it would provide an update on the status of its consideration of each issue, including referencing the Parties concerned, and information on the responses of the Parties in its annual report to the CMA.

15. The Committee recognized that three Parties submitted mandatory biennial communications of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement via the online portal referred to in decision 12/CMA.1, paragraph 6, after the deadline established in decision 14/CMA.3, paragraph 12.

16. The Committee engaged in a knowledge-building exercise with the Transparency division of the secretariat to deepen its understanding of the preparations under way for the biennial transparency reports within the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.

17. The Committee agreed to hold its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting from 11 to 12 September 2023.

18. At the end of the meeting, the Committee adopted the report on the meeting.<sup>6</sup>

### **3. Tenth meeting (11–12 September 2023)**

19. The Committee considered the most up-to-date information made available by the secretariat, pursuant to rule 18, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure.<sup>7</sup>

20. The Committee also held an exchange of views on how to refine further its understanding of the information presented pursuant to rule 18, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure and agreed to create the space to do so in its agenda for its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. In particular, the Committee will come back to the issue of how nationally determined

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<sup>3</sup> Decision 24/CMA.4, annex.

<sup>4</sup> The Holy See.

<sup>5</sup> Iceland.

<sup>6</sup> See Committee document PAICC/2023/M9/4.

<sup>7</sup> Members and alternate members expressed different views on the term “developed country Parties”, under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.

contributions that have been communicated by Parties are reflected in the information made available by the secretariat for the consideration of the Committee.

21. The Committee took note that following up on the agreement reached at its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting (see paras. 12-13 above), pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure, on 5 May 2023, the Co-Chairs of the Committee notified the national focal point of each of the two Parties concerned of the initiation of a consideration of issues in accordance with rule 18, paragraph 2(a) and (d), respectively, of its rules of procedure.

22. In the notification, each of the two Parties concerned was requested to (1) submit information on the matter at hand on or before 30 June 2023,<sup>8</sup> (2) communicate any request for flexibility on or before 30 May 2023<sup>9</sup> and (3) communicate any request for a consultation at the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on or before 30 June 2023.<sup>10</sup>

23. Following receipt of the notification, one of the Parties concerned submitted its nationally determined contribution (on 31 May 2023) and the other Party concerned submitted the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement (on 30 June 2023).

24. The Committee expressed its appreciation for the commitment and cooperation of the Parties concerned and welcomed the timely transmission of the requested information. In consideration of the information submitted by the Parties concerned, the Committee decided that the issues under consideration have been resolved. The Committee requested the secretariat to notify the Parties concerned regarding the decision.

25. Following the notification of the Parties concerned, the Committee would provide an update on the status of its consideration of each issue, including referencing the Parties concerned, and information on the responses of the Parties, as part of its annual report to the CMA.

26. The Committee agreed to convene its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting from 17 to 19 April 2024.

27. The Committee adopted the report on the meeting.<sup>11</sup>

### **C. Gender and Action for Climate Empowerment**

28. The Committee took note of a presentation made by the Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) unit of the secretariat at its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Furthermore, the Committee considered how it could contribute to reaching the ACE goal of empowering all members of society to engage in climate action through the six ACE elements of education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and international cooperation.

29. The Committee agreed to continue its discussion on the matter of identifying possible ways to mainstream gender issues and enhance the participation of observers in its work.

30. The Committee noted the participation of one of its Co-Chairs in the dialogue with Chairs of constituted bodies on progress in integrating a gender perspective into constituted body processes, held during the fifty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies. The dialogue provided an opportunity to highlight the balanced gender composition of the membership of the Committee, including its Co-Chairs, and to note that, although the Committee only recently started its operational work, the goal of gender balance in the composition of the Committee has been reflected since the adoption of the Paris Agreement,<sup>12</sup> and was further reflected in the Committee's modalities and procedures.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> See rule 20, para. 2(c-d), of the rules of procedure.

<sup>9</sup> See rule 16, para. 1, and rule 20, para. 3(c), of the rules of procedure.

<sup>10</sup> See rule 20, para. 3(b), of the rules of procedure.

<sup>11</sup> See Committee document PAICC/2023/M10/3.

<sup>12</sup> See decision 1/CP.21, para. 102.

<sup>13</sup> See decision 20/CMA. 1, annex, para. 5.

### III. Communications and outreach

31. The Committee's web page<sup>14</sup> was maintained during the reporting period. It features information such as the Committee's background, composition, latest news, and meeting and annual reports. In addition, an article on the work of the Committee was published in the "News" area of the UNFCCC website.

32. At the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties, the Co-Chairs of the Committee led the side event "The Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee and the operation of the Paris Agreement",<sup>15</sup> held at the UNFCCC pavilion. The aim of the event was to raise participants' awareness of how the Committee can support Parties' implementation of and compliance with the Paris Agreement.

33. The Co-Chairs addressed by video message the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement) held in Buenos Aires from 19 to 21 April 2023. They introduced the Committee and its work to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance of the Escazú Agreement.

34. As part of the capacity-building activities conducted to raise awareness of the work of the Committee, the secretariat developed the e-learning course "The Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee".<sup>16</sup> The course provides, inter alia, a detailed description of the function, nature and operation of the Committee, thus serving as a tool for facilitating implementation of and compliance with the Paris Agreement through education, training and public awareness-raising.

35. The Committee requested the secretariat to continue to explore potential avenues for awareness-raising, including by refining and enhancing the information available on the Committee's web page, participating in the regional climate weeks and organizing a side event at the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties.

### IV. Budget

36. The Committee took note of the information provided by the secretariat on funding for the biennium 2024–2025.

### V. Recommendations for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

37. The Committee recommends that the CMA:

(a) Take note of the activities of the Committee during the reporting period detailed in this report;

(b) Take note of the two outstanding nominations for seats from the Eastern European States and the urgent need to ensure full representation of regional groups and constituencies on the Committee;

(c) Undertake the first review of its modalities and procedures in 2024, noting that CMA 7 will take place in 2025 instead of 2024 owing to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

<sup>14</sup> <https://unfccc.int/PAICC>.

<sup>15</sup> A video recording of the side event is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M59cR4zpcFE&list=PLBcZ22cUY9RJxaTQ6OnqLAvXQy9FykHiv>.

<sup>16</sup> Available at <https://elearning.informea.org/> under "Climate and atmosphere".

## Annex

### Members and alternate members of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee as at 12 September 2023

<i>Regional group/constituency</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Alternate member</i>
African States	Selam Kidane-Abebe (Ethiopia)	Mominata Compaore (Burkina Faso)
	Happy Khambule (South Africa)	Chokri Mezghani (Tunisia)
Asia-Pacific States	Yi Chenxia (China)	Tomonobu Sato (Japan)
	Haseeb Gohar, Co-Chair (Pakistan)	Seung Jick Yoo (Republic of Korea)
Eastern European States	Eva Šalplachtová (Czechia)	Grzegorz Grobicki (Poland)
	Grigory Yulkin <sup>a</sup> (Russian Federation)	Ivan Narkevitch <sup>a</sup> (Belarus)
Latin American and Caribbean States	José Félix Pinto-Bazurco Barandiarán (Peru)	Michai Robertson (Antigua and Barbuda)
	Jimena Nieto (Colombia)	Édgar Fernández Fernández (Costa Rica)
Western European and other States	Christina Voigt, Co-Chair (Norway)	Jonathan Davis (United States of America)
	Jacob Werksman (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Johan Pettersson (Sweden)
Least developed countries	Ziaul Haque (Bangladesh)	Eunice Asinguza (Uganda)
Small island developing States	Diane Tan (Singapore)	Rueanna Haynes (Trinidad and Tobago)

*Note:* A list of the members and alternate members of the Committee that includes the length of their respective terms of office is available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/paris-agreement-implementation-and-compliance-committee-paicc#eq-1>.

<sup>a</sup> In accordance with decision 20/CMA.1, annex, para. 8, members and alternate members shall remain in office until their successors are elected.