

Decision -/CMA.4

Reviews on a voluntary basis of the information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, and respective training courses needed

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

Recalling Article 13 of the Paris Agreement,

Also recalling decision 18/CMA.1 and annex, and decision 5/CMA.3 and annexes IV, VI and VII,

Recognizing that flexibility for those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities is reflected in the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, contained in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1,

Also recognizing the important role that reviews on a voluntary basis of the information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, could play in facilitating improved reporting of that information over time and enhancing national capacity and the capacity of adaptation experts, especially from developing country Parties,

Further recognizing the important role that voluntary reviews could play in facilitating the sharing of experience and best practices related to reporting such information,

Recalling Article 13, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement, which provides that the purpose of the framework for transparency of action is to provide a clear understanding of climate change action in the light of the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2, including clarity and tracking of progress towards achieving Parties' individual nationally determined contributions under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, and Parties' adaptation actions under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement, including good practices, priorities, needs and gaps, in order to inform the global stocktake under Article 14 of the Paris Agreement, and *recognizing* that voluntary reviews of the information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, would contribute to that end,

Recognizing the important role that reviews could play in facilitating improved reporting and *recalling* that the information reported pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, constitutes an important input to the global stocktake and hence facilitates the assessment of collective progress towards achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement, including by facilitating consideration of collective progress towards achieving the global goal on adaptation and recognition of the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties and by enhancing the reporting of information related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts,

Recognizing the need to undertake the voluntary reviews in an efficient manner without placing undue burden on the technical expert review teams, Parties or the secretariat,

Also recognizing the importance of training the experts who conduct the voluntary reviews and allocating resources to facilitate such reviews,

1. *Decides* that a Party may, on a voluntary basis, request the secretariat to organize a review of the information reported by the Party pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex,

chapter IV, as part of the technical expert review pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter VII;

2. *Also decides* that the voluntary review, taking into account decision 18/CMA.1, annex, paragraphs 147–149, consists of:

(a) Reviewing the information reported by the Party in its biennial transparency report, in accordance with the modalities, procedures and guidelines contained in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV;

(b) Facilitating the improvement of the reporting of information pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, by identifying, in consultation with the Party, areas of improvement and capacity-building needs related to reporting;

3. *Further decides* that the Party undergoing the voluntary review may select specific sections of the chapter in the biennial transparency report pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, for particular attention by the expert review team conducting the review;

4. *Decides* that a Party may submit a request for the voluntary review to the secretariat either in the overview section of the biennial transparency report or when agreeing with the secretariat the dates of the technical expert review;

5. *Also decides* that the outcome of the voluntary review should be presented in a dedicated annex to the technical expert review report referred to in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, paragraph 187;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to include in the technical expert review team for conducting the voluntary review an expert with expertise in the areas outlined in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, who has completed the course on general and cross-cutting aspects for the technical expert review under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement referred to in decision 5/CMA.3, annex VII, and the training course referred to in paragraph 8 below, taking into account decision 5/CMA.3, paragraph 34;

7. *Reiterates* the invitation¹ to Parties and, as appropriate, intergovernmental organizations to nominate technical experts with expertise and experience in the areas outlined in decision 18/CMA.1, annex, chapter IV, to the UNFCCC roster of experts;

8. *Requests* the secretariat to develop and implement a training course for experts participating in the review referred to in paragraph 1 above, incorporating, as appropriate, technical advice from the Consultative Group of Experts and lead reviewers, as part of the training programme outlined in decision 5/CMA.3, annex VII, and taking into account decision 5/CMA.3, paragraphs 33–34;

9. *Also requests* the secretariat to report on progress in developing the training course referred to in paragraph 8 above to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its fifty-eighth (June 2023) and each subsequent session until the development of the training course has been completed;

10. *Decides* to undertake a review of the training course in the context of the review of the modalities, procedures and guidelines contained in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 no later than in 2028 and to consider integrating into the training course relevant outcomes from the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation referred to in decision 7/CMA.3;

11. *Invites* developed country Parties to provide financial resources to enable the secretariat to develop and implement the training course in a timely manner, while other Parties are encouraged to do so on a voluntary basis;

¹ Decision 18/CMA.1, para. 5.

12. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 1 and 8 above;
 13. *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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