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Agenda item 18  
**Other matters**

## **Chile Madrid Time for Action**

### **Proposal by the President**

#### **Draft decision -/CP.25**

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*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 1/CP.19, 1/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 1/CP.22, 1/CP.23 and 1/CP.24,

*Noting* decision -/CMA.2,<sup>1</sup>

*Cognizant* of the efforts and concerns of civil society, in particular of youth and indigenous peoples, in calling for urgent and ambitious global climate action,

1. *Recognizes* the role of multilateralism and the Convention, including its processes and principles, in addressing climate change and its impacts;
2. *Also recognizes* the important advances made through the UNFCCC multilateral process over the past 25 years, including in the context of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement;
3. *Notes with concern* the state of the global climate system;
4. *Recognizes* that action taken to address climate change is most effective if it is based on best available science and continually re-evaluated in the light of new findings;
5. *Also recognizes* the role of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in providing scientific input to inform Parties in strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty;
6. *Expresses* its appreciation and gratitude to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the scientific community for providing the 2019 Special Reports,<sup>2</sup> which reflect

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<sup>1</sup> The overarching decision titled “Chile Madrid Time for Action”, proposed for adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its second session.

<sup>2</sup> Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 2019. *IPCC Special Report on Climate Change*,



the best available science, and *encourages* Parties to continue to support the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

7. *Invites* Parties to make use of the information contained in the Special Reports referred to in paragraph 6 above in their discussions under all relevant agenda items of the UNFCCC governing and subsidiary bodies;

8. *Re-emphasizes with serious concern* the urgent need to address the significant gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation efforts in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways consistent with 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;

9. *Recalls* that the current need for adaptation is significant and that greater levels of mitigation can reduce the need for additional adaptation efforts, and that greater adaptation needs can involve greater adaptation costs;

10. *Stresses* the urgency of enhanced ambition in order to ensure the highest possible mitigation and adaptation efforts by all Parties;

11. *Recalls* the commitment made by developed country Parties, in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation, to a goal of mobilizing jointly USD 100 billion per year by 2020 to address the needs of developing country Parties, in accordance with decision 1/CP.16;<sup>3</sup>

12. *Emphasizes* the continued challenges that developing countries face in accessing financial, technology and capacity-building support, and *recognizes* the urgent need to enhance the provision of support to developing country Parties for strengthening their national adaptation and mitigation efforts;

13. *Calls on* international entities, including financial institutions, to continue supporting the development and implementation of measures to avert, minimize and address the adverse impacts of climate change;

14. *Recalls* that the provision of scaled-up financial resources should aim to achieve a balance between adaptation and mitigation, taking into account country-driven strategies, and the priorities and needs of developing country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and have significant capacity constraints, such as the least developed countries and small island developing States, considering the need for public and grant-based resources for adaptation;

15. *Underlines* the essential contribution of nature to addressing climate change and its impacts and the need to address biodiversity loss and climate change in an integrated manner;

16. *Recalls* the imperatives of a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities;

17. *Welcomes* the adoption of the enhanced five-year Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan, which promotes gender equality and women's empowerment in the UNFCCC process and encourages Parties to advance its implementation;

18. *Acknowledges* that the stocktakes in 2018 and 2019<sup>4</sup> helped to highlight and enhance the understanding of efforts of, and challenges faced by, Parties in relation to action and support in the pre-2020 period as well as of the work of the UNFCCC bodies in relation to that period;

19. *Decides* to hold, at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020), a round table among Parties and non-Party stakeholders on pre-2020 implementation and ambition;

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*Desertification, Land Degradation, Sustainable Land Management, Food Security, and Greenhouse Gas Fluxes in Terrestrial Ecosystems*. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/srccl/>; and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 2019. *IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/home/>.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 1/CP.16, para. 98.

<sup>4</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/topics/pre-2020>.

20. *Invites* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to submit inputs via the submission portal<sup>5</sup> by September 2020 to inform the round table referred to in paragraph 19 above;
21. *Also requests* the secretariat to prepare a summary report by September 2021 on the basis of the outcomes of the round table referred in paragraph 19 above to serve as an input for the second periodic review;
22. *Commends* the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session for convening high-level ministerial events at the session, aimed at improving climate action, especially with regard to agriculture, energy, finance and science;
23. *Notes with appreciation* the organization by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session of a ministerial dialogue on adaptation ambition, which exemplified the broad support to, and high-level engagement among Parties on, enhanced adaptation action;
24. *Welcomes* the initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General to convene the 2019 Climate Action Summit, which helped to build momentum in enhancing global ambition;
25. *Expresses appreciation* to the Parties and non-Party stakeholders that announced voluntary initiatives and coalitions at the Summit referred to in paragraph 24 above as well as to those that led and joined such initiatives and coalitions;
26. *Acknowledges* the important role of non-Party stakeholders in contributing to progress towards the objective of the Convention and the goals of the Paris Agreement, in particular by supporting Parties in reducing emissions and adapting to the adverse effects of climate change;
27. *Welcomes* the continuation of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action and *decides* to continue to appoint high-level champions, for 2021–2025,<sup>6</sup> and to continue convening annually a high-level event together with the Executive Secretary and the incumbent and incoming Presidents of the Conference of the Parties;
28. *Requests* the high-level champions to explore how to improve the work under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for enhancing ambition taking into account feedback from Parties and non-Party stakeholders;
29. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue engaging with non-Party stakeholders and enhancing the effectiveness of the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action platform, including the tracking of voluntary action;
30. *Commends* the efforts of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session to highlight the importance of the ocean, including as an integral part of the Earth's climate system, and of ensuring the integrity of ocean and coastal ecosystems in the context of climate change;
31. *Requests* the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to convene at its fifty-second session (June 2020) a dialogue on the ocean and climate change to consider how to strengthen mitigation and adaptation action in this context;
32. *Also requests* the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to convene at its fifty-second session a dialogue on the relationship between land and climate change adaptation related matters, not intervening in other processes under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, including those carried out under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
33. *Invites* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to submit inputs via the submission portal<sup>7</sup> by 31 March 2020 to inform the dialogues referred to in paragraphs 31–32 above;
34. *Requests* the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to prepare informal summary reports on the dialogues referred to in paragraphs 31–32 above;

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

<sup>6</sup> In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 122(c).

<sup>7</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

35. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;

36. *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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