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and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving  
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### **Proposal by the President**

### **Recommendation of the Conference of the Parties**

The Conference of the Parties, at its twenty-fourth session, recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its first session:

### **Draft decision -/CMA.1**

## **Modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement**

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

*Recalling Article 7, paragraphs 11 and 12, of the Paris Agreement,*

1. *Decides* to establish the public registry for adaptation communications referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement, to contain adaptation communications submitted by Parties in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 11, of the Paris Agreement;
2. *Also decides* to adopt the modalities and procedures for the operation and use of the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above as contained in the annex;
3. *Further decides* that the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be made available by the secretariat, together with the public registry referred to in Article 4,



paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement, through a registry portal with two parts, comprising adaptation communications and nationally determined contributions, respectively;

4. *Requests* the secretariat:

(a) To develop a prototype of the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above by June 2019, in accordance with the modalities and procedures referred to in paragraph 2 above, and present it to Parties at an event to be held in conjunction with the fiftieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2019);

(b) To operate the public registry referred to in paragraph 1 above and to provide assistance on its use to Parties, other stakeholders and the public;

5. *Decides* to consider and conclude at its second session (November 2019) whether the prototype referred to in paragraph 4(a) above shall serve as the public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement;

6. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 4 above.

## Annex

### **Modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement**

#### **I. Modalities for the operation of the public registry**

1. The public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement:
  - (a) Presents the recorded adaptation communications on a separate page for each Party in tabular format, with one row for each adaptation communication and columns displaying, as appropriate: name of Party; document title; document type; hyperlinks to corresponding documents containing the adaptation communications, as appropriate, submitted as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution and/or a national communication, as referred to in Article 7, paragraph 11, of the Paris Agreement; and version number, status, language and date of submission;
  - (b) Provides the flexibility for each Party to submit its adaptation communication in the way it wishes;
  - (c) Has the capability of sorting, recording and displaying adaptation communications;
  - (d) Preserves the integrity of the adaptation communications in accordance with their country-driven nature;
  - (e) Avoids unauthorized access to or alteration of its content;
  - (f) Ensures user-friendly navigation to and between relevant registries and other web resources;
  - (g) Utilizes relevant web tools to notify users, upon request, of new and modified registry content;
  - (h) Constitutes an intuitive, easy-to-use web-based platform;
  - (i) Provides a user-friendly interface in all six official languages of the United Nations.

#### **II. Procedures for the use of the public registry**

##### **A. Submission of adaptation communications**

2. The secretariat:
  - (a) Provides each Party with a unique user account for the public registry;
  - (b) Provides technical assistance to Parties for uploading adaptation communications to the public registry, as required.
3. The national focal point of each Party submits the Party's adaptation communication by uploading it to the registry, or informs the secretariat of the vehicle used as the adaptation communication.

##### **B. Maintaining a record of adaptation communications**

4. The public registry constitutes an archive and maintains the hyperlinks of all previously submitted adaptation communications referred to in Article 7, paragraph 11, of the Paris Agreement as a matter of public record.

### **C. Access to adaptation communications**

5. Parties, non-State actors, other stakeholders and the public can view, read and download the adaptation communications from the public registry.
6. To the extent possible, the public registry should be easily accessible to users with slow Internet connections.

### **III. Roles**

7. The national focal point of each Party manages the Party's interaction with the secretariat regarding the adaptation communication in the public registry.
  8. The national focal point of each Party is assigned a unique user account to manage the Party's content in the public registry.
  9. The secretariat communicates with and provides assistance to Parties using the public registry, including through a user guide, training programmes and online support.
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