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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

Message to Parties from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Second Periodic Review

I am pleased to convey to the Parties to the Convention a joint message from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, Mr. Tosi Mpanu-Mpanu, and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, Ms. Marianne Karlsen, regarding the second periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress made towards achieving it. The message is contained in the annex to this note.

The Chairs of the subsidiary bodies will be informed of all nominations submitted to the secretariat in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

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Distribution: To Parties and observer States through national focal points for climate change, and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.



Annex

**Joint message from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and
the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

The Second Periodic Review

Invitation to nominate co-facilitators

14 February 2020

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing, with the support of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session (COP 25), to take the steps necessary for starting the review of the long-term global goal¹ under the Convention and of overall progress made towards achieving it (hereafter, the second periodic review).

In this context, Parties may recall that, at COP 25, Parties decided on a scope for the second periodic review.² Parties also decided that the second periodic review shall start in the second half of 2020 and conclude in 2022 and that it shall follow the modalities set out in paragraphs 80–90 of decision 1/CP.18. A first structured expert dialogue will take place at the fifty-third sessions of the subsidiary bodies.³

The dialogue will be facilitated by two co-facilitators, one from a Party included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I) and one from a Party not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I), who will be selected by each group, respectively.⁴

We encourage Parties to consult, within the two above mentioned groups, on the nomination of the co-facilitators and to communicate the results of the selection, at the earliest convenience and at the latest at the fifty-second session of the subsidiary bodies. In order to facilitate the selection process, both of us will personally contact the chairs of all regional groups to discuss the expeditious nomination of the co-facilitators from Annex I and non-Annex I. In light of the aim of the dialogue to ensure the scientific integrity of the second periodic review, individuals nominated should be well known and respected experts possessing the necessary experience and skills, notably in the area of climate change and in translating scientific knowledge into policy.

Consistent with the outcomes of COP 18 and COP 25 during which the COP adopted a goal of gender balance⁵ and the importance of achieving and sustaining the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in the UNFCCC process,⁶ we encourage the two above mentioned groups to seek balanced representation between men and women when nominating the co-facilitators of the structured expert dialogue.

¹ The long-term global goal was originally defined in decision 1/CP.16, para. 4, and was updated in decision 10/CP.21, para 4.

² The second periodic will focus on the elements identified in decision 5/CP.25, para. 4.

³ Decision 5/CP.25.

⁴ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 87 (b).

⁵ Decision 23/CP.18.

⁶ Decision 3/CP.25, annex, para 5.



Furthermore, the COP invited the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to establish a joint contact group to assist the COP in conducting the second periodic review.⁷ The co-chairs for this contact group will be proposed at the opening plenaries of SBSTA and SBI starting with the 53rd sessions.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that in view of the second periodic review starting in the second half of the year, we intend to:

- work very closely with the IPCC to ensure strengthened collaboration and preparations for the consideration of the products of the sixth assessment cycle products;
- begin compiling other relevant information as per decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161, in particular information from Parties and processes under the Convention.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration and action,

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

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Chair of the Subsidiary Body for
Scientific and Technological Advice

Signed by

Marianne Karlsen
Chair of the Subsidiary Body
for Implementation

⁷ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 80.