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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

Nationally determined contribution synthesis report

The Conference of the Parties (COP) requested¹ Parties whose intended nationally determined contribution pursuant to decision 1/CP.20 contains a time frame up to 2025 to communicate by 2020 a new nationally determined contribution (NDC), and Parties whose intended nationally determined contribution pursuant to decision 1/CP.20 contains a time frame up to 2030 to communicate or update their contribution by 2020. Parties are to submit to the secretariat their NDCs referred to in Article 4 of the Paris Agreement at least 9–12 months in advance of the relevant session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), with a view to facilitating the clarity, transparency and understanding of the NDCs, including through an NDC synthesis report to be prepared by the secretariat.² CMA 2 recalled these requests and requested the secretariat to make the NDC synthesis report available to COP 26.³

As communicated to Parties on 13 August 2020, in view of the postponement of COP 26 to November 2021 and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the NDC preparation process, the NDC synthesis report will be issued in two steps:

- An initial version of the NDC synthesis report by 28 February 2021;
- The full version of the report closer to COP 26.

The initial version of the NDC synthesis report was published on 26 February 2021 and is available on the UNFCCC website.⁴

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¹ Decision 1/CP.21, paras. 23–24.

² Decision 1/CP.21, para. 25.

³ Decision 1/CMA.2, paras. 7 and 10.

⁴ Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/nationally-determined-contributions-ndcs/nationally-determined-contributions-ndcs/ndc-synthesis-report>.



Following up on the relevant communication to Parties on 4 March 2021, this message summarizes the further steps to be undertaken by the secretariat with regard to the NDC synthesis report, which are as follows:

- By 28 September 2021 the secretariat will publish a full version of the NDC synthesis report that will synthesize information from the latest NDCs of all 191 Parties to the Paris Agreement, including new or updated NDCs, available in the interim NDC registry as at 30 July 2021;⁵
- To ensure that COP 26 has before it the latest information available, the secretariat will issue an update of the key findings from the report shortly before the COP, by 25 October 2021. This update will also cover the submissions of updated or new NDCs received by the secretariat between 31 July and 12 October 2021.

As the initial version of the NDC synthesis report showed, increasing ambition in action to address climate change now is critical. The urgency was recently reconfirmed, clearly and unequivocally, by the latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.⁶ I strongly urge Parties to enhance their climate action and reflect it through the submission of new or updated NDCs as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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⁵ By that date, 113 of the 191 Parties to the Paris Agreement had submitted their new or updated NDCs (including three submissions that were received within 12 hours after the deadline and included in order to take into account as many new or updated NDCs as possible in the report).

⁶ IPCC. 2021. Summary for Policymakers. In: V Masson-Delmotte, P Zhai, A Pirani, et al. (eds.). *Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/#SPM>.