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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

The Structured Expert Dialogue on the second periodic review of the long-term global goal and the progress towards achieving it

I am pleased to convey to the Parties to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, a joint message from Ms. Tara Shine and Mr. Xiang Gao, co-facilitators of the Structured Expert Dialogue on the second periodic review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal and the overall progress made towards achieving it.

The message, regarding the preparation of the first meeting of the dialogue, is contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

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(signed by)

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Annex

Message from the Co-facilitators of the Structured Expert Dialogue on the second periodic review

Preparation of the first meeting of the structured expert dialogue

14 October 2020

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great honour that Parties entrusted us to co-facilitate the structured expert dialogue (SED) on the second periodic review and we are looking forward to serving the process and to engaging with all Parties in order to advance this review. We believe that the SED will be an appropriate vehicle for open and substantive discussions between Parties and experts on the scientific knowledge and evidence-based climate policy formulation. To that end, we would like to actively exchange views with Parties on how to effectively organize and conduct the SED during sessions and inter-sessionally.

We intend to hold the first meeting of the SED (SED 1) in two sessions: SED 1.1 will be convened virtually during the Climate Dialogues (24 November – 4 December 2020)¹ and SED 1.2 will be convened as an in-person session at the summer sessions of the subsidiary bodies in 2021. A summary report of SED 1 will be produced after SED 1.2.

SED 1 will build on the outcomes of the 2013-2015 review and on what Parties have agreed on the review at COP 16, 17, 18, 21, 23 and 25, as well as the views expressed by Parties at the informal virtual consultation that was held at the June Momentum for Climate Change on preparations for the second periodic review. We expect SED 1 to be conducive to open and frank discussions between Parties and experts using existing information relevant for the review.

SED 1 will be organized along the two themes of the second periodic review, in a balanced and constructive manner.² Each theme will consist of three parts, namely: a presentation of relevant scientific findings by experts; a dialogue with experts; and a general discussion focusing on the implication for the second periodic review based on the findings and the exchange of views with experts.

Theme 1 seeks to enhance Parties' understanding of the long-term global goal and scenarios towards achieving it, progress made in relation to addressing information and knowledge gaps, including with regard to scenarios to achieve the long-term global goal and the range of associated impacts, since the completion of the 2013–2015 review; and challenges and opportunities for achieving the long-term global goal with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention. Theme 2 looks at assessing the overall aggregated effect of the steps taken by Parties in order to achieve the long-term global goal.

¹ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/information_note_climate_dialogues.pdf.

² Decision 5/CP.25, paragraph 4.



In preparation for SED 1, we will provide an information note outlining the approach for the dialogue, including guiding questions for the general discussion. We take this opportunity to extend a kind invitation to Parties to provide us views on the work of the SED. Should you wish to do so, please send your views to the secretariat at <PR2@unfccc.int>.

Finally, in accordance with the COP decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 161(a)–(b), we note that the findings of the IPCC special reports completed in 2018-2019 are highly relevant to theme 1 of SED 1.1 and the work of the constituted bodies is highly relevant for theme 2 of the SED 1.1. We intend therefore to work closely with the experts of IPCC and representatives of the constituted bodies who will attend SED 1.1 in order to ensure an adequate presentation of their findings in the second periodic review. We hope that the IPCC input as well as other inputs will provide valuable support for all representatives of Parties participating virtually in SED 1.1.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Tara Shine

Signed by

Xiang Gao