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MESSAGE TO PARTIES TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT

Upcoming deadlines for the communication of nationally determined contributions (NDC), the submission of biennial transparency reports (BTR) and biennial communications of information related to Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement

I am pleased to take this opportunity to remind Parties to the Paris Agreement of the upcoming deadlines for the communication of nationally determined contributions (NDC), the submission of biennial transparency reports (BTR) and biennial communications of information related to Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.

I. Communication of nationally determined contributions (NDC)

Bearing in mind that the 7th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 7) will convene from Monday, 10 November, to Friday, 21 November 2025 as per decision 17/CP.28, paragraph 4, Parties are reminded that according to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 25, and decision 1/CMA.5, paragraph 166, they are to communicate their NDC referred to in Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, at least 9 to 12 months in advance of CMA 7, which is no later than **10 February 2025**.

At the 60th sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies in June, I noted to Parties that this next round of national climate plans – NDCs 3.0 – will be among the most important policy documents produced this century. These plans can be blueprints for stronger economies and societies, unlocking the vast benefits of bolder climate action and sharing them more widely. They should be stronger - with more ambition covering all greenhouse gases and sectors and aligned with limiting global warming to 1.5 °C - and should speak to closing the implementation gap, building on what has already been achieved.

II. Submission of biennial transparency reports (BTR)

Further to my [Message to Parties to the Paris Agreement on 13 May 2024](#), I take this opportunity to remind Parties to the Paris Agreement that in line with the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the enhanced transparency framework for action and support (MPGs), all Parties to the Paris Agreement shall submit their first BTR and national inventory report (NIR), if submitted as a standalone report, in accordance with the MPGs, by the latest **31 December 2024** (as per paragraph 3, decision 18/CMA.1). Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States may submit at their discretion (as per paragraph 4, decision 18/CMA.1).

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Biennial Transparency Reports are both a crucial enabling tool, helping Parties build an evidence base to strengthen climate policies over time, as well as an important means of assessing combined global progress. I urge you therefore to submit them as soon as possible and by year's end at the latest.

III. Submission of biennial communications of information related to Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement

Developed country Parties are also reminded to submit their biennial communications of information related to Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement as per decision 13/CMA.5, paragraph 5 by **31 December 2024**, and other Parties providing resources are encouraged to submit biennial communications on a voluntary basis.

IV. Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee

I wish to underscore the function of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee established in Article 15 of the Paris Agreement to facilitate implementation of and promote compliance with the provisions of the Agreement.

Parties to the Paris Agreement are reminded that as per decision 20/CMA.1, paragraph 22 (a) (i), (ii) and (iv), the Committee will initiate the consideration of issues in cases where a Party has not:

- (i) communicated or maintained an NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, based on the most up-to-date status of communication in the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Paris Agreement;
- (ii) submitted a mandatory report or communication of information under Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 9, or Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement;
- (iv) submitted a mandatory communication of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.

The Committee agreed to hold its 13th meeting within the first two weeks of April 2025.

I look forward to working closely with all Parties to ensuring the timely submission of these mandatory reports and communications.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

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