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NOTIFICATION

Publication of 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 it 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

The COP 25 Bureau recently decided to postpone to November 2021 the United Nations Climate Change Conference, including COP 26, that was scheduled to take place in Glasgow in November 2020, in the light of the ongoing global effects of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

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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.



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In view of that postponement, I am writing to inform you, with reference to the requests of the COP and the CMA referred to above, that the secretariat is planning to publish an initial version of the NDC synthesis report by 28 February 2021. The report will be prepared on the basis of the NDCs recorded in the interim NDC registry as at 31 December 2020, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21. I strongly encourage Parties to submit their updated or new NDCs in accordance with this timeline. To facilitate the preparation of the report, I would kindly ask Parties to let the secretariat know in advance, if possible, the anticipated submission date of their new or updated NDCs pursuant to paragraphs 23–24 of decision 1/CP.21. The anticipated submission date can be communicated by email to ndc@unfccc.int.

In view of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the NDC preparation process, the secretariat will update the initial NDC synthesis report closer to COP 26 to ensure that it contains the latest available information. The final NDC synthesis report will be made available to COP 26 in accordance with decision 1/CMA.2.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recall that Parties were strongly encouraged to provide the information necessary for clarity, transparency and understanding of NDCs,⁴ as applicable, when communicating or updating their NDCs by 2020.⁵

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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⁴ See decision 4/CMA.1, annex I.

⁵ Decision 4/CMA.1, para. 7.