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Decision 1/CP.18

Agreed outcome pursuant to the Bali Action Plan

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan), 1/CP.15, 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17,

Acknowledging the significant achievements of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention towards enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention,

Welcoming the new institutional arrangements and processes established as a result of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention and the progress made in making them operational and effective,

Determined to fully implement the agreements reached and further enhance long-term cooperative action under the Convention in order to achieve its ultimate objective,

Welcoming decision 1/CMP.8 on the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol pursuant to its Article 3, paragraph 9, as well as decision 2/CP.18 on Advancing the Durban Platform,

Noting that this decision, together with decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions, constitutes the agreed outcome pursuant to decision 1/CP.13,

I. A shared vision for long-term cooperative action, including a long-term global goal for emission reductions, to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention, in accordance with the provisions and principles of the Convention, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and taking into account social and economic conditions and other relevant factors

Recalling the principles, provisions and commitments set forth in the Convention, in particular its Articles 2, 3 and 4,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.13, 1/CP.16, 1/CP.17 and 2/CP.17,

1. *Decides* that Parties will urgently work towards the deep reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions required to hold the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to attain a global peaking of global greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, consistent with science and as documented in the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, reaffirming that the time frame for peaking will be longer in developing countries;

2. *Also decides* that Parties' efforts should be undertaken on the basis of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and the provision of finance, technology transfer and capacity-building to developing countries in order to support their mitigation and adaptation actions under the Convention, and take into account the imperatives of equitable access to sustainable development, the survival of countries and protecting the integrity of Mother Earth;

3. Welcomes the work done by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on equitable access to sustainable development through a workshop and the report on the workshop¹ by the Chair;

II. Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change

A. Measurable, reportable and verifiable nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions, including quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives, by all developed country Parties, while ensuring the comparability of efforts among them, taking into account differences in their national circumstances

Recalling decisions 1/CP.13, 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17,

Noting with grave concern the significant gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation pledges in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C or 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels,

Acknowledging the role of biennial reports and international assessment and review in measuring progress towards the achievement of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets,

Also acknowledging the work done under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to finalize reporting and review guidelines for developed country Parties,

4. *Takes note* of the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets to be implemented by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention as communicated by them and contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1;

5. *Requests* the secretariat to update document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1 following any developed country Party's request to include new information on its target;

6. *Notes* the outcomes of the process of clarifying the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties during 2011 and 2012, as reflected in submissions from Parties, the reports on the relevant workshops and the technical paper prepared by the secretariat;²

7. *Urges* developed country Parties to increase the ambition of their quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets, with a view to reducing their aggregate anthropogenic emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol to a level consistent with the ranges documented in the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and subsequent Assessment Reports;

8. *Decides* to establish a work programme under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to continue the process of clarifying the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties, particularly in relation to the elements contained in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 5, with a view to:

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.3/Rev.1.

² FCCC/TP/2012/5.

(a) Identifying common elements for measuring the progress made towards the achievement of the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets;

(b) Ensuring the comparability of efforts among developed country Parties, taking into account differences in their national circumstances;

9. *Also decides* that the work programme referred to in paragraph 8 above shall commence in 2013 and end in 2014 and include focused expert meetings, technical briefings and submissions from Parties and observer organizations;

10. *Reiterates* its invitation to developed country Parties to submit information on the progress made towards the formulation of their low-emission development strategies;

11. *Requests* developed country Parties to submit any additional information for the clarification of their targets and associated assumptions and conditions as outlined in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 5, and all Parties to submit their views on the work programme referred to in paragraph 8 above, by 25 March 2013, for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document;

12. *Also requests* the secretariat to annually update the technical paper referred to in paragraph 6 above, based on information provided by developed country Parties in relation to their targets;

13. *Further requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to report on the progress of the work programme referred to in paragraph 8 above to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session and on the outcome of that work programme to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session;

B. Nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties in the context of sustainable development, supported and enabled by technology, financing and capacity-building, in a measurable, reportable and verifiable manner

Recalling Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.13, 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17,

Noting with grave concern the significant gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation pledges in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C or 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels,

Recalling decision 2/CP.17, in which developing country Parties were encouraged to develop low-emission development strategies, recognizing the need for financial and technical support by developed country Parties for the formulation of these strategies,

Acknowledging the role of biennial update reports and international consultation and analysis,

Also acknowledging the work of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on general guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions, and of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the prototype of the registry for nationally appropriate mitigation actions and on the composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts under international consultations and analysis,

14. *Takes note* of the information on nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties, as communicated by them and contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/INF.1;
15. *Also takes note* of the information on nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.2 and Add.1;
16. *Reiterates* its invitation to developing country Parties that wish to voluntarily inform the Conference of the Parties of their intention to implement nationally appropriate mitigation actions in association with decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 50, to submit information on those actions to the secretariat;
17. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare an information note for the subsidiary bodies that compiles the information contained in documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/INF.1 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.2 and Add.1 and to update it with new information as communicated by Parties;
18. *Notes* the outcomes of the process to further the understanding of the diversity of the nationally appropriate mitigation actions of developing country Parties referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 51, and decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 33 and 34, as reflected in submissions from Parties and the reports on the relevant workshops held in 2011 and 2012;
19. *Decides* to establish a work programme to further the understanding of the diversity of the nationally appropriate mitigation actions referred to in paragraphs 14–16 above under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, with a view to facilitating the preparation and implementation of those nationally appropriate mitigation actions, including on:
 - (a) More information relating to nationally appropriate mitigation actions, subject to availability as specified in decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 33 and 34, including underlying assumptions and methodologies, sectors and gases covered, global warming potential values used and estimated mitigation outcomes;
 - (b) Needs for financial, technology and capacity-building support for the preparation and implementation of specific measurable, reportable and verifiable nationally appropriate mitigation actions, as well as support available and provided, access modalities and related experience gained;
 - (c) The extent of the matching of mitigation actions with financial, technology and capacity building support under the registry;
20. *Also decides* that the work programme referred to in paragraph 19 above shall start in 2013 and end in 2014, and should include focused interactive technical discussions, including through in-session workshops with input from experts and submissions from Parties and observer organizations;
21. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to report on progress on the activities referred to in paragraph 19 above to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session and on the outcome of these activities to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session;
22. *Reiterates* its encouragement to developing country Parties who wish to do so to develop low emission and climate resilient development strategies, taking into account national circumstances, recognizing the need for financial and technical support from developed country Parties for the formulation of these strategies, pursuant to decisions 1/CP.16, paragraph 65, and 2/CP.17, paragraph 38;
23. *Requests* the secretariat, at the request of interested developing country Parties, where appropriate, in collaboration with intergovernmental organizations as well as the

relevant bodies under the Convention, to organize regional technical workshops and to prepare technical material to build capacity in the preparation, submission and implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation actions as well as in the formulation of low emission development strategies;

24. *Takes* note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraph 23 above;

C. Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries

25. *Decides* to undertake a work programme on results-based finance in 2013, including two in-session workshops, subject to the availability of supplementary resources, to progress the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70;

26. *Invites* the President of the Conference of the Parties to appoint two co-chairs, one from a developing country Party and one from a developed country Party, for the work programme mentioned in paragraph 25 above;

27. *Requests* the secretariat to assist the co-chairs in supporting the workshops mentioned in paragraph 25 above;

28. *Decides* that the aim of the work programme is to contribute to the ongoing efforts to scale up and improve the effectiveness of finance for the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, taking into account decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 66 and 67;

29. *Also decides* that the work programme will address options to achieve this objective, taking into account a wide variety of sources as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 65, including:

- (a) Ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions;
- (b) Ways to incentivize non-carbon benefits;
- (c) Ways to improve the coordination of results-based finance;

30. *Agrees* that the work programme will draw upon relevant sources of information and will also take into account lessons learned from other processes under the Convention and from fast-start finance;

31. *Requests* the co-chairs, supported by the secretariat, to coordinate the activities of the work programme with the work under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice related to methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries;

32. *Also requests* the co-chairs, supported by the secretariat, to prepare a report on the workshops referred to in paragraph 25 above for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session, with a view to the Conference of the Parties adopting a decision on this matter;

33. *Decides* that the work programme shall end by the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise;

34. *Recognizes* the need to improve the coordination of support for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, and to provide adequate and predictable support, including financial resources and technical and technological support, to developing country Parties for implementation of those activities;

35. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their thirty-eighth sessions, to jointly initiate a process with the aim of addressing the matters outlined in paragraph 34 above, and to consider existing institutional arrangements or potential governance alternatives including a body, a board or a committee, and to make recommendations on these matters to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session;

36. *Invites* Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 25 March 2013, their views on the matters referred to in paragraphs 34 and 35 above, including potential functions, and modalities and procedures;

37. *Requests* the secretariat to compile the submissions from Parties referred to in paragraph 36 above into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at their thirty-eighth sessions;

38. *Also requests* the secretariat to organize, subject to the availability of supplementary resources, an in-session workshop at the thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the matters referred to in paragraphs 34 and 35 above, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 36 above, and to prepare a report on the workshop for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at their thirty-ninth sessions;

39. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its thirty-eighth session, to consider how non-market-based approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 67, could be developed to support the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, and to report on this matter to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session;

40. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its thirty-eighth session, to initiate work on methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, and to report on this matter to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session;

D. Various approaches, including opportunities for using markets, to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, bearing in mind different circumstances of developed and developing countries

Recalling decisions 1/CP.13, 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17,

1. Framework for various approaches

41. *Acknowledges* that Parties, individually or jointly, may develop and implement various approaches, including opportunities for using markets and non-markets, to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, bearing in mind different circumstances of developed and developing countries;

42. *Re-emphasizes* that, as set out in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 79, all such approaches must meet standards that deliver real, permanent, additional and verified mitigation outcomes, avoid double counting of effort and achieve a net decrease and/or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions;
43. *Affirms* that the use of such approaches facilitates an increase in mitigation ambition, particularly by developed countries;
44. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to conduct a work programme to elaborate a framework for such approaches, drawing on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on this matter, including the relevant workshop reports and technical paper, and experience of existing mechanisms, with a view to recommending a draft decision to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its nineteenth session;
45. *Considers* that any such framework will be developed under the authority and guidance of the Conference of the Parties;
46. *Decides* that the work programme referred to in paragraph 44 above shall address the following elements, inter alia:
- (a) The purposes of the framework;
 - (b) The scope of approaches to be included under the framework;
 - (c) A set of criteria and procedures to ensure the environmental integrity of approaches in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 79;
 - (d) Technical specifications to avoid double counting through the accurate and consistent recording and tracking of mitigation outcomes;
 - (e) The institutional arrangements for the framework;
47. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to conduct a work programme to elaborate non-market-based approaches, with a view to recommending a draft decision to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its nineteenth session;
48. *Invites* Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 25 March 2013, their views on the matters referred to in paragraphs 44–47 above, including information, experience and good practice relevant to the design and operation of various approaches;
49. *Requests* the secretariat to compile and make publicly accessible such information, experience and good practice;

2. New market-based mechanism

50. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to conduct a work programme to elaborate modalities and procedures for the mechanism defined in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 83, drawing on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on this matter, including the relevant workshop reports and technical paper, and experience of existing mechanisms, with a view to recommending a draft decision to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its nineteenth session;
51. *Also requests* that the work programme consider possible elements of the mechanism referred to in paragraph 50 above, for example the following:
- (a) Its operation under the guidance and authority of the Conference of the Parties;

- (b) The voluntary participation of Parties in the mechanism;
- (c) Standards that deliver real, permanent, additional, and verified mitigation outcomes, avoid double counting of effort and achieve a net decrease and/or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions;
- (d) Requirements for the accurate measurement, reporting and verification of emission reductions, emission removals and/or avoided emissions;
- (e) Means to stimulate mitigation across broad segments of the economy, which are defined by the participating Parties and may be on a sectoral and/or project-specific basis;
- (f) Criteria, including the application of conservative methods, for the establishment, approval and periodic adjustment of ambitious reference levels (crediting thresholds and/or trading caps) and for the periodic issuance of units based on mitigation below a crediting threshold or based on a trading cap;
- (g) Criteria for the accurate and consistent recording and tracking of units;
- (h) Supplementarity;
- (i) A share of proceeds to cover administrative expenses and assist developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to meet the costs of adaptation;
- (j) The promotion of sustainable development;
- (k) The facilitation of the effective participation of private and public entities;
- (l) The facilitation of the prompt start of the mechanism;

52. *Invites* Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 25 March 2013, their views on the matters referred to in paragraphs 50–51 above, including information, experience and good practice relevant to the design and operation of the mechanism referred to in paragraph 50 above;

53. *Requests* the secretariat to compile and make publicly accessible such information, experience and good practice;

E. Economic and social consequences of response measures

Recalling Article 3, paragraph 5, and Article 4, paragraphs 8, 9 and 10, of the Convention, Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol and decisions 1/CP.13, 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17,

Affirming the importance of the ultimate objective of the Convention and the principles and provisions of the Convention related to the economic and social consequences of response measures, in particular Articles 2, 3 and 4,

Reaffirming that Parties should cooperate to promote a supportive and open international economic system that would lead to sustainable economic growth and development in all Parties, particularly developing country Parties, thus enabling them better to address the problems of climate change; measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade,

Also reaffirming the importance of avoiding or minimizing negative impacts of response measures on social and economic sectors, promoting a just transition of the workforce, the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally

defined development priorities and strategies, and contributing to building new capacity for both production and service-related jobs in all sectors, promoting economic growth and sustainable development,

54. *Welcomes* the progress made in the work of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures being convened under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and *invites* Parties to continue to participate in the forum, including the sharing of views on policy issues of concern, such as unilateral measures;

III. Enhanced action on adaptation

Recalling the commitments of Parties under Article 4, paragraphs 1(e), 3 and 4, of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.13, 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 5/CP.17, 6/CP.17 and 7/CP.17,

Reaffirming that adaptation is a challenge faced by all Parties, and that enhanced action and international cooperation on adaptation is urgently required to enable and support the implementation of adaptation actions aimed at reducing vulnerability and building resilience in developing country Parties, taking into account the urgent and immediate needs of those developing countries that are particularly vulnerable,

Also reaffirming that adaptation must be addressed with the same priority as mitigation and that appropriate institutional arrangements are required to enhance adaptation action and support,

Acknowledging the progress achieved under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention in enhancing action on adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change through the establishment of the Cancun Adaptation Framework,

Also acknowledging the progress made at the eighteenth and previous sessions of the Conference of the Parties, including the approval of the three-year workplan of the Adaptation Committee, the implementation of the work programme on loss and damage, the process to enable least developed country Parties to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, the invitation for other developing country Parties to employ the modalities formulated to support the national adaptation plan process and the guidance on support for the national adaptation plan process,

55. *Decides* that the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies and other bodies under the Convention will continue their work to enhance action on adaptation under the Convention, as provided for in the Cancun Adaptation Framework and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;

56. *Also decides*, in progressing such work, to give consideration to issues relating to the coherence of the action of and the support provided to, developing country Parties, the engagement and role of regional centres and networks, and the promotion of livelihood and economic diversification to build resilience in the context of planning, prioritizing and implementing adaptation actions;

57. *Requests* the Adaptation Committee to consider the establishment of an annual adaptation forum, to be held in conjunction with the sessions of the Conference of the Parties, to maintain a high profile for adaptation under the Convention, to raise awareness and ambition with regard to adaptation actions and to facilitate enhanced coherence of adaptation actions;

IV. Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation

Acknowledging the achievements made in relation to technology development and transfer within the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention, including the establishment of the Technology Mechanism, comprising the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, and the agreed arrangements to enable the Technology Mechanism to become fully operational in 2012, as well as the progress made by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation in selecting the host of the Climate Technology Centre,

Also acknowledging the progress made by the Technology Executive Committee in implementing its workplan for 2012–2013,³

Recalling that the Conference of the Parties, at its seventeenth session, requested each thematic body under the Convention to elaborate its modalities for establishing linkages with other relevant bodies, including the Adaptation Committee, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 99, the Board of the Green Climate Fund, by decision 3/CP.17, paragraph 17, and the Technology Executive Committee, by decision 4/CP.17, paragraph 6,

58. *Takes note* of the initial ideas of the Technology Executive Committee on its modalities for establishing linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements under the Convention, including the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, as presented in its report considered at the thirty-sixth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;⁴

59. *Agrees* to initiate, at its nineteenth session, the elaboration and consideration of the relationship between the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, in order to ensure coherence and synergy within the Technology Mechanism, taking into account the recommendations of the Technology Executive Committee on its linkage modalities, and the modalities and procedures of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, which will be presented for consideration and approval by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session;

60. *Requests* the Technology Executive Committee, in elaborating its future workplan, to initiate the exploration of issues relating to enabling environments and barriers, including those issues referred to in document FCCC/SB/2012/2, paragraph 35;

61. *Recommends* the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, in considering the programme of work of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, to take into account the following activities:

(a) Providing advice and support to developing country Parties, including capacity-building, in relation to conducting assessments of new and emerging technologies, in accordance with decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 123(a)(i) and 128(e);

(b) Elaborating, in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 135(a), the role of the Climate Technology Centre and Network in identifying currently available climate-friendly technologies for mitigation and adaptation that meet the key low-carbon and climate-resilient development needs of Parties;

62. *Agrees* to further elaborate, at its twentieth session, the linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the financial mechanism of the Convention, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Board of the Green Climate Fund, developed in

³ FCCC/SB/2012/1, annex I.

⁴ FCCC/SB/2012/1.

accordance with decision 3/CP.17, paragraph 17, and of the Technology Executive Committee, developed in accordance with decision 4/CP.17, paragraph 6;

V. Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation

Recalling Article 4 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 and 3/CP.17,

Acknowledging the delivery of fast-start finance by developed country Parties to fulfil their collective commitment of USD 30 billion, and *inviting* developed country Parties to expedite its full disbursement,

Also acknowledging the need to scale up climate finance,

Reaffirming that developed country Parties commit, in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation, to a goal of mobilizing jointly USD 100 billion per year by 2020 to address the needs of developing country Parties, and that funds provided to developing country Parties may come from a wide variety of sources, public and private, bilateral and multilateral, including alternative sources,

Acknowledging the pledges and announcements made by several developed country Parties on the continuation of climate finance post 2012,

63. *Urges* additional developed country Parties to announce climate finance pledges when their financial circumstances permit;

64. *Reiterates* that a significant share of new multilateral funding for adaptation should flow through the Green Climate Fund, and the request to the Board of the Green Climate Fund to balance the allocation of the resources of the Green Climate Fund between adaptation and mitigation activities;

65. *Calls on* developed country Parties to channel a substantial share of public funds to adaptation activities;

66. *Urges* all developed country Parties to scale up climate finance from a wide variety of sources, public and private, bilateral and multilateral, including alternative sources, to the joint goal of mobilizing USD 100 billion per year by 2020;

67. *Invites* developed country Parties to submit, by the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, information on their strategies and approaches for mobilizing scaled-up climate finance to USD 100 billion per year by 2020 in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation;

68. *Encourages* developed country Parties to further increase their efforts to provide resources of at least to the average annual level of the fast-start finance period for 2013-2015;

69. *Decides* to extend the work programme on long-term finance for one year to the end of 2013, with the aim of informing developed country Parties in their efforts to identify pathways for mobilizing the scaling up of climate finance to USD 100 billion per year by 2020 from public, private and alternative sources in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation, and informing Parties in enhancing their enabling environments and policy frameworks to facilitate the mobilisation and effective deployment of climate finance in developing countries;

70. *Looks forward* to the implementation of the work programme of the Standing Committee, including the creation of a climate finance forum which will enable all Parties and stakeholders to, inter alia, exchange ideas on scaling up climate finance;

71. *Requests* the Standing Committee, in initiating the first biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, to take into account relevant work by other bodies and entities on the measurement, reporting and verification of support and the tracking of climate finance;

72. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to expeditiously implement its 2013 workplan, with a view to making the Green Climate Fund operational as soon as possible to enable an early and adequate replenishment process;

73. *Agrees* to consider the progress made in the mobilization of long-term finance at its nineteenth session, through an in-session high-level ministerial dialogue under the Conference of the Parties on efforts being undertaken by developed country Parties to scale up the mobilization of climate finance after 2012, informed by inputs from Parties, technical bodies and processes under the Convention, as well as the outcomes of the extended work programme on long-term finance;

VI. Enhanced action on capacity-building

Recalling decisions 2/CP.7, 2/CP.10, 4/CP.12, 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 and 13/CP.17,

Recognizing the success of the first meeting of the Durban Forum for in-depth discussion on capacity-building, held during the thirty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

Also recognizing the important role that the Durban Forum plays in enhancing the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building,

74. *Decides* that the second meeting of the Durban Forum, to be held during the thirty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, shall explore potential ways to further enhance the implementation of capacity-building at the national level;

75. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 18 February 2013, the following:

(a) Information on the activities that they have undertaken pursuant to decisions 2/CP.7, 2/CP.10, 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17, including, inter alia, information on needs and gaps, experiences and lessons learned;

(b) Their views on specific issues to be considered at the second meeting of the Durban Forum;

(c) Their views on the potential enhancement of the organization of the Durban Forum;

76. *Also invites* intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the private sector to submit to the secretariat, by 18 February 2013, information on activities undertaken in support of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries established under decision 2/CP.7, including their experiences and lessons learned;

77. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation:

(a) To take into account the information and views contained in the submissions referred to in paragraph 75 above in organizing the second and subsequent meetings of the Durban Forum;

(b) To explore potential ways to further enhance the implementation of capacity-building at the national level, including through the Durban Forum;

78. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue to prepare the reports referred to in decision 2/CP.7, paragraph 9(c), and decision 4/CP.12, paragraph 1(c), as well as the compilation and synthesis reports referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 146 and 150, and to make the reports available to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sessions coinciding with the meetings of the Durban Forum, in order to facilitate the discussions at those meetings;

VII. Review: further definition of its scope and development of its modalities

Recalling the ultimate objective of the Convention, contained in its Article 2,

Also recalling decision 1/CP.16, in particular paragraph 4, which recognized the need to consider strengthening the long-term global goal of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels on the basis of the best available scientific knowledge, including in relation to a global average temperature rise of 1.5 °C,

Recalling decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 157–167, in particular paragraphs 160 and 161, which specify the considerations and inputs to be taken into account during the first review from 2013 to 2015,

Affirming that the review is not a review of the Convention itself,

Recalling that the first review should start in 2013 and be concluded in 2015, when the Conference of the Parties shall take appropriate action based on the review,

79. *Decides* that the review should periodically assess, in accordance with the relevant principles and provisions of the Convention, the following:

(a) The adequacy of the long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention;

(b) Overall progress made towards achieving the long-term global goal, including a consideration of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention;

80. *Invites* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to establish a joint contact group to assist the Conference of the Parties in conducting the review, supported by expert consideration of the inputs referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161, through, inter alia, workshops and other in-session and intersessional activities in accordance with paragraph 162 of that decision;

81. *Requests* the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, with the support of the secretariat, to take the steps necessary in 2013 for the subsidiary bodies to start the consideration of inputs without delay at their thirty-eighth sessions;

82. *Notes* that the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is a key input to the review and that it will become available in stages during 2013 and 2014 for consideration under the review;

83. *Invites* the subsidiary bodies, beginning in 2013 and with the assistance of the secretariat, to gather and compile information relevant for conducting the review, including the sources listed in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161;

84. *Also invites* the subsidiary bodies to identify information gaps and, where necessary, make requests for additional inputs and studies that would be useful for conducting the review;

85. *Resolves* to engage in a structured expert dialogue that aims to support the work of the joint contact group referred to in paragraph 80 above through a focused exchange of views, information and ideas, to ensure the scientific integrity of the review;

86. *Decides* to establish such a dialogue under the guidance of the subsidiary bodies on aspects related to the review in order:

(a) To consider on an ongoing basis throughout the review the material from the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change as it becomes available, as well as relevant inputs referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161, that are published after the cut-off dates of the Fifth Assessment Report, through regular scientific workshops and expert meetings and with the participation of Parties and experts, particularly from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

(b) To assist the subsidiary bodies with the preparation and consideration of the synthesis reports on the review;

87. *Also decides* that:

(a) Workshops will be open to all Parties and observers, held pre-sessionally, where possible, and organized by the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources;

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

(c) The co-facilitators will report on work done under the dialogue to the nineteenth and twentieth sessions of the Conference of the Parties, through the subsidiary bodies;

88. *Decides* that the review should be conducted in a transparent manner and with the full participation of Parties, which should be ensured through the provision of adequate funding for the participation and representation of eligible developing country Parties in all phases of the review and in all activities, meetings, workshops and sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation that are part of the review process;

89. *Also decides* that preparations for the review should be conducted in an effective and efficient manner in order to avoid duplication of ongoing work, and that the Conference of the Parties and the subsidiary bodies may wish to take into account the results of work conducted under the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the subsidiary bodies in preparing for the review;

90. *Requests* the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to organize the review in a flexible and appropriate manner in line with decision 2/CP.17, allowing for adequate and timely consideration of the inputs to the review as they become available;

91. *Decides* that the information gathering and compilation phase referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 164, shall run continuously from the start of the review in 2013 and should end not later than six months before the conclusion of the review in 2015, unless critical information emerges during this period that requires consideration;

VIII. Other matters

A. Parties included in Annex I to the Convention undergoing the process of transition to a market economy

Recalling decision 2/CP.17, chapter VIII.A,

Taking into account national economic and social circumstances of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention undergoing the process of transition to a market economy and the need to enable them to continue their economic development in a sustainable, low-emission manner,

Recognizing that most of these Parties currently still lack the financial resources to be able to provide support to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention for meeting their costs of mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer and capacity-building,

Recognizing that various actions to address climate change can be justified economically in their own right and can also help in solving other environmental problems,

92. *Decides* that a certain degree of flexibility shall be allowed to Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) undergoing the process of transition to a market economy with regard to the provision of new and additional financial resources, technology transfer and capacity-building to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in order to enable them to enhance their implementation of mitigation and adaptation actions, and that this flexibility shall be extended until 2020, when a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties comes into effect;

93. *Invites* Annex I Parties undergoing the process of transition to a market economy which are in a position to do so to provide new and additional financial resources, technology transfer and capacity-building to non-Annex I Parties on a voluntary basis;

B. Parties included in Annex I to the Convention whose special circumstances are recognized by the Conference of the Parties

Reaffirming decisions 26/CP.7, 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17, which recognized that Turkey is in a situation different from that of other Parties included in Annex I to the Convention,

Recalling that deep cuts in global greenhouse gas emissions are required and that closing the ambition gap is a matter of urgency,

Recognizing that various actions to address climate change can be justified economically in their own right and can also help in solving other environmental problems in accordance with the objectives of sustainable development,

Reaffirming the importance of financial, technological and capacity-building support to Parties included in Annex I to the Convention whose special circumstances are recognized by the Conference of the Parties in order to assist these Parties in implementing the Convention,

94. *Urges* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention which are in a position to do so, through multilateral agencies, including the Global Environment Facility within its mandate, relevant intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, other partnerships and initiatives, bilateral agencies and the private sector, or through any further arrangements, as appropriate, to provide financial, technological, technical and capacity-building support to Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I

Parties) whose special circumstances are recognized by the Conference of the Parties in order to assist them in implementing their national climate change strategies and action plans and developing their low-emission development strategies or plans in accordance with decision 1/CP.16;

95. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-eighth session, a technical paper identifying opportunities for Annex I Parties whose special circumstances are recognized by the Conference of the Parties to benefit, at least until 2020, from support from relevant bodies established under the Convention and other relevant bodies and institutions to enhance mitigation, adaptation, technology, capacity-building and access to finance;

96. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, on the basis of the technical paper referred to in paragraph 95 above, to develop recommendations on this matter at its thirty-ninth session for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session;

IX. Budgetary implications

97. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraphs 1–96 above;

98. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources

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Decision 2/CP.18

Advancing the Durban Platform

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 1/CP.17,

Recognizing that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet and thus requires to be urgently addressed by all Parties, and acknowledging that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, with a view to accelerating the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions,

Noting with grave concern the significant gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation pledges in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C or 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels,

Recognizing that fulfilling the ultimate objective of the Convention will require strengthening of the multilateral, rules-based regime under the Convention,

Noting decision 1/CMP.8,

Also noting decision 1/CP.18,

Acknowledging that the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action shall be guided by the principles of the Convention,

1. *Welcomes with high appreciation* the successful start, as a matter of urgency, of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, including the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition, and the progress that has been made in 2012;
2. *Endorses* the arrangement for the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, as set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 7, recognizing that this is an exception to rule 27, paragraphs 5 and 6, of the draft rules of procedure being applied;
3. *Notes* the agenda adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, as set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 13, including the initiation of two workstreams: one on matters related to paragraphs 2 to 6 of decision 1/CP.17 (agenda item 3(a)) and one on matters related to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the same decision (agenda item 3(b));
4. *Determined* to adopt a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties at its twenty-first session, due to be held from Wednesday, 2 December to Sunday, 13 December 2015, and for it to come into effect and be implemented from 2020;
5. *Decides* to identify and to explore in 2013 options for a range of actions that can close the pre-2020 ambition gap with a view to identifying further activities for its plan of work in 2014 ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts under the Convention;
6. *Welcomes* the planning of work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, as set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/L.4, including,

inter alia, on mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity-building, and transparency of action and support;

7. *Underlines* the importance of high-level engagement on matters related to decision 1/CP.17;

8. *Welcomes* the announcement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to convene world leaders in 2014;

9. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action will consider elements for a draft negotiating text no later than at its session to be held in conjunction with the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties, due to be held from Wednesday, 3 December to Sunday, 14 December 2014, with a view to making available a negotiating text before May 2015.

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Decision 3/CP.18

Approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to enhance adaptive capacity

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.16 and 7/CP.17 and the relevant conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-fourth and thirty-sixth sessions,

Recognizing the need to strengthen international cooperation and expertise in order to understand and reduce loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including impacts related to extreme weather events and slow onset events,¹

Highlighting the important and fundamental role of the Convention in addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, especially in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including by promoting leadership, collaboration and cooperation, at the national, regional and international levels and for a broad range of sectors and ecosystems, in order to enable coherent and synergistic approaches to address such loss and damage,

Noting the relevant work undertaken by other bodies, work programmes and workplans, and processes under the Convention,

Taking note of the relevant knowledge and ongoing work outside of the Convention, including the Special Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, *Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation*,² the *Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction*,³ the Hyogo Framework for Action⁴ and the Global Framework for Climate Services of the World Meteorological Organization,

Reaffirming the need for Parties to take precautionary measures, in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Convention, to anticipate, prevent or minimize the causes of climate change and mitigate its adverse effects, and underlining that the lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as reason for postponing action,

Appreciating the progress made in the implementation, and the importance of the continuation, of the work programme to address the loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change,

Acknowledging ongoing initiatives relevant to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change at the national, international and regional levels and that there is a need to scale up these efforts, including by enhancing support and coordination in the broader context of climate-resilient sustainable development,

1. *Acknowledges* the need to enhance support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, for relevant actions;

¹ Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 25.

² <<http://ipcc-wg2.gov/SREX/>>.

³ <<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/gar/2011/en/home/index.html>>.

⁴ <<http://www.unisdr.org/eng/hfa/hfa.htm>>.

2. *Notes* that a range of approaches, methods and tools is available to assess the risk of and to respond to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, and that their selection depends upon regional, national and local capacity, context and circumstances, and involves the engagement of all relevant stakeholders;
3. *Also notes* that there are important linkages between extreme weather events and slow onset events, and the importance of building comprehensive climate risk management approaches;
4. *Agrees* that comprehensive, inclusive and strategic responses are needed to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
5. *Also agrees* that the role of the Convention in promoting the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change includes, inter alia, the following:
 - (a) Enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including slow onset impacts;
 - (b) Strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders;
 - (c) Enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
6. *Invites* all Parties, taking into account common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances, to enhance action on addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, taking into account national development processes, by undertaking, inter alia, the following:
 - (a) Assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including slow onset impacts;
 - (b) Identifying options and designing and implementing country-driven risk management strategies and approaches, including risk reduction, and risk transfer and risk-sharing mechanisms;
 - (c) The systematic observation of, and data collection on, the impacts of climate change, in particular slow onset impacts, and accounting for losses, as appropriate;
 - (d) Implementing comprehensive climate risk management approaches, including scaling up and replicating good practices and pilot initiatives;
 - (e) Promoting an enabling environment that would encourage investment and the involvement of relevant stakeholders in climate risk management;
 - (f) Involving vulnerable communities and populations, and civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders, in the assessment of and response to loss and damage;
 - (g) Enhancing access to, sharing and the use of data, at the regional, national and subnational levels, such as hydrometeorological data and metadata, on a voluntary basis, to facilitate the assessment and management of climate-related risk;
7. *Acknowledges* the further work to advance the understanding of and expertise on loss and damage, which includes, inter alia, the following:
 - (a) Enhancing the understanding of:
 - (i) The risk of slow onset events, and approaches to address them;

- (ii) Non-economic losses and damages;
 - (iii) How loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change affects those segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, gender, age, indigenous or minority status, or disability, and how the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage can benefit those segments of the population;
 - (iv) How to identify and develop appropriate approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including to address slow onset events and extreme weather events, including through risk reduction, risk sharing and risk transfer tools, and approaches to rehabilitate from loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
 - (v) How approaches to address loss and damage associated with the impacts of climate change may be integrated into climate-resilient development processes;
 - (vi) How impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility;
 - (b) Strengthening and supporting the collection and management of relevant data, including gender-disaggregated data, for assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
 - (c) Enhancing coordination, synergies and linkages among various organizations, institutions and frameworks, to enable the development and support of approaches to address loss and damage, including slow onset events and comprehensive climate risk management strategies, including risk transfer tools;
 - (d) Strengthening and promoting regional collaboration, centres and networks on strategies and approaches, including to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including slow onset events, including through risk reduction, risk sharing and risk transfer initiatives;
 - (e) Enhanced capacity-building at the national and regional levels to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
 - (f) Strengthening institutional arrangements at the national, regional and international levels to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
8. *Requests* developed country Parties to provide developing country Parties with finance, technology and capacity-building, in accordance with decision 1/CP.16 and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
9. *Decides* to establish, at its nineteenth session, institutional arrangements, such as an international mechanism, including functions and modalities, elaborated in accordance with the role of the Convention as defined in paragraph 5 above, to address loss and damage associated with the impacts of climate change in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;
10. *Requests* the secretariat to carry out the following interim activities under the work programme on loss and damage, prior to the thirty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation:
- (a) An expert meeting to consider future needs, including capacity needs associated with possible approaches to address slow onset events, and to prepare a report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-ninth session;
 - (b) Preparation of a technical paper on non-economic losses;

(c) Preparation of a technical paper on gaps in existing institutional arrangements within and outside of the Convention to address loss and damage, including those related to slow onset events;

11. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider the technical paper referred to in paragraph 10(c) above in developing the arrangements referred to in paragraph 9 above;

12. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to elaborate, at its thirty-eighth session, activities under the work programme on loss and damage, to further the understanding of and expertise on loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, taking into account the provisions contained in paragraph 7 above;

13. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in this decision;

14. *Further requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources; in the absence of adequate additional funding, as indicated in the budgetary estimates referred to above, the secretariat may not be in a position to undertake the requested activities.

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Decision 4/CP.18

Work programme on long-term finance

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 4 and 11 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan), 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17,

Recognizing the contribution of the work programme on long-term finance to the ongoing efforts to scale up the mobilization of climate change finance after 2012 pursuant to decision 2/CP.17,

1. *Takes note* of the report by the co-chairs on the workshops of the work programme on long-term finance;¹
2. *Decides* to extend the work programme on long-term finance for one year to the end of 2013, with the aim of informing developed country Parties in their efforts to identify pathways for mobilizing the scaling up of climate finance to USD 100 billion per year by 2020 from public, private and alternative sources in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation, and informing Parties in enhancing their enabling environments and policy frameworks to facilitate the mobilization and effective deployment of climate finance in developing countries;
3. *Invites* the President of the Conference of the Parties to appoint two co-chairs, one from a developing country Party and one from a developed country Party, for the work programme mentioned in paragraph 2 above;
4. *Requests* the co-chairs to report back to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session on the outcomes of the work programme;
5. *Invites* Parties and the thematic and expert bodies under the Convention to submit to the secretariat, by 21 March 2013, their views on long-term finance, taking into account the report on the workshops of the work programme on long-term finance, with a view to the secretariat preparing an information document for consideration by the co-chairs of the work programme;
6. *Requests* the Standing Committee to support the implementation of the work programme by providing expert inputs;
7. *Decides* that the work programme on long-term finance shall be open and transparent;
8. *Agrees* to continue the existing processes within the Convention for assessing and reviewing the needs of developing country Parties for financial resources to address climate change and its adverse effects, including the identification of options for the mobilization of these resources, and the adequacy, predictability, sustainability and accessibility of these resources.

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¹ FCCC/CP/2012/3.

Decision 5/CP.18

Report of the Standing Committee

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 4 and 11 of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 120, in which it was decided that the Standing Committee shall report and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, for its consideration, at each ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties, on all aspects of its work,

1. *Welcomes* the operationalization of the Standing Committee in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 120–125, and the progress achieved by the Standing Committee;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Standing Committee on the outcomes of its two meetings in 2012,¹ including on the elaboration of its working modalities, its work programme for 2013–2015, including the organization of the forum of the Standing Committee, and its recommendations regarding guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention;
3. *Endorses* the work programme of the Standing Committee for 2013–2015, contained in annex II to the report of the Standing Committee;
4. *Welcomes* the work on the forum of the Standing Committee and encourages the Standing Committee to facilitate the participation of the private sector, financial institutions and academia in the forum;
5. *Requests* the Standing Committee to report on the forum in its report to the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Adopts* the revised composition and working modalities of the Standing Committee as contained in annex IV to the report of the Standing Committee;
7. *Decides* that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee, effective from the first meeting of the Standing Committee in 2013;
8. *Welcomes* the financial contributions provided by the European Union and the Government of Norway to support the work of the Standing Committee;
9. *Decides* that the name of the Standing Committee shall be changed to the Standing Committee on Finance;
10. *Invites* developed country Parties to submit to the secretariat, by May 2014, information on the appropriate methodologies and systems used to measure and track climate finance;
11. *Requests* the Standing Committee, in preparing the first biennial assessment and overview of financial flows, to consider ways of strengthening methodologies for reporting climate finance;

¹ FCCC/CP/2012/4.

12. *Requests* the Standing Committee to consider the guidance provided to the Standing Committee in other decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

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Decision 6/CP.18

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 11 of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 102, and decision 3/CP.17, paragraphs 2–6, 12 and 13,

Reaffirming that a significant share of new multilateral funding for adaptation should flow through the Green Climate Fund,

Reiterating the request to the Board of the Green Climate Fund to balance the allocation of the Green Climate Fund resources between adaptation and mitigation activities,

Taking into account the initial guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention contained in decision 11/CP.1,

Taking note of the ongoing efforts to operationalize the Green Climate Fund,

Welcoming the nomination of the Board of the Green Climate Fund,

Emphasizing the important role of the Green Climate Fund in the climate finance architecture,

Noting with appreciation the progress of the Board of the Green Climate Fund in operationalizing the Green Climate Fund, the prompt set-up of the interim secretariat of the Fund by the UNFCCC and Global Environment Facility and the establishment of the Financial Intermediary Fund for the Green Climate Fund by the World Bank serving as interim trustee of the Fund,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the first annual report of the Board of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties;¹
2. *Expresses* its gratitude to Germany, Mexico, Namibia, Poland, Republic of Korea and Switzerland for submitting their offers to host the Green Climate Fund;
3. *Welcomes and endorses* the consensus decision of the Board of the Green Climate Fund to select Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea as the host of the Green Climate Fund, on the basis of an open and transparent process;
4. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund and the Republic of Korea to conclude, in accordance with decision 3/CP.17, annex, paragraphs 7 and 8, the legal and administrative arrangements for hosting the Green Climate Fund, and to ensure that juridical personality and legal capacity are conferred to the Green Climate Fund, and the necessary privileges and immunities are granted to the Green Climate Fund and its officials in an expedited manner;
5. *Notes* the progress made by the Board of the Green Climate Fund and calls on the Board to ensure that the Green Climate Fund expeditiously implements its workplan and develops the policies, eligibility criteria and programmes of the Green Climate Fund, taking

¹ FCCC/CP/2012/5.

into account the guidance of the Conference of the Parties with a view to making the Green Climate Fund operational as soon as possible;

6. *Decides* to provide initial guidance to the Green Climate Fund at its nineteenth session;

7. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund, in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session, to report on the implementation of decision 3/CP.17 in which inter alia requested the Board:

(a) To develop a transparent no-objection procedure to be conducted through national designated authorities referred to in paragraph 46 of the governing instrument,² in order to ensure consistency with national climate strategies and plans and a country-driven approach and to provide for effective direct and indirect public and private-sector financing by the Green Climate Fund, and to determine this procedure prior to approval of funding proposals by the Fund;

(b) To balance the allocation of the resources of the Green Climate Fund between adaptation and mitigation activities;

(c) To secure funding for the Green Climate Fund, taking into account paragraphs 29 and 30 of the governing instrument, to facilitate its expeditious operationalization, and to establish the necessary policies and procedures to enable an early and adequate replenishment process;

(d) To establish the independent secretariat of the Green Climate Fund in the host country in an expedited manner as soon as possible, in accordance with paragraph 19 of the governing instrument;

(e) To select the trustee of the Green Climate Fund through an open, transparent and competitive bidding process in a timely manner to ensure that there is no discontinuity in trustee services;

(f) To initiate a process to collaborate with the Adaptation Committee and the Technology Executive Committee, as well as other relevant thematic bodies under the Convention, to define linkages between the Fund and these bodies, as appropriate;

8. *Looks forward* to the appointment of the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund in accordance with decision 3/CP.17;

9. *Reaffirms* its decision that the interim arrangements³ should terminate no later than the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties;

10. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties the specific steps that it has undertaken to implement the request contained in paragraphs 5 and 7 above, as well as information on the status of financial contributions for the administrative budget of the Green Climate Fund, including the administrative costs of the Board of the Green Climate Fund and its interim secretariat;

11. *Expresses its appreciation* for the cumulative contributions of USD 4.298 million as at 4 December 2012 from the Governments of Australia, Finland, Netherlands, Republic of Korea and Sweden for the administrative budget of the Green Climate Fund to the Green Climate Fund Trust Fund established by the interim trustee of the Fund;

12. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Governments of Denmark, Germany, Norway, Spain, Switzerland and United States of America for approving the total amount of

² Decision 3/CP.17, annex.

³ Decision 3/CP.17 paragraph 19.

approximately USD 1.32 million carried over from contributions made to the Transitional Committee for further use in 2012 by the interim secretariat of the Green Climate Fund;

13. *Welcomes* the cumulative pledges of USD 4.554 million for the administrative budget of the Green Climate Fund made by the Governments of Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as at 29 November 2012 and expects their early fulfilment;

14. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to expeditiously implement its 2013 workplan, with a view to making the Green Climate Fund operational as soon as possible, which will enable an early and adequate replenishment process;

15. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to make available its annual reports to the Conference of the Parties as early as possible, and no later than 12 weeks prior to a session of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration by Parties;

16. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, and no later than 10 weeks prior to the subsequent session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations in writing on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention;

17. *Requests* the secretariat to compile the submissions referred to in paragraph 16 above into a miscellaneous document for consideration by Parties in developing guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention.

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Decision 7/CP.18

Arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 11, in particular its paragraph 3;

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.16 and 3/CP.17, which, inter alia, designated the Green Climate Fund as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention,

1. *Recognizes* that the provisions contained in Article 11, paragraph 3, and decision 3/CP.17 and the governing instrument of the Green Climate Fund contained in the annex to 3/CP.17 form the basis for arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund to ensure that the Green Climate Fund is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing country Parties;
2. *Requests* the Standing Committee and the Board of the Green Climate Fund to develop arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund in accordance with the governing instrument of the Green Climate Fund and Article 11, paragraph 3, for agreement by the Board and subsequent agreement by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session.

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Decision 8/CP.18

Review of the financial mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Taking into account Article 4, paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9, Article 7 and Article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Recalling decisions 3/CP.4, 2/CP.12, 6/CP.13, 2/CP.16 and 3/CP.17,

1. *Decides* to initiate the fifth review of the financial mechanism, in accordance with the criteria contained in the guidelines annexed to decisions 3/CP.4 and 6/CP.13 and further guidelines that may be developed;
2. *Requests* the Standing Committee, in accordance with its mandate contained in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121(e), and taking into account existing guidelines and recent developments within the financial mechanism of the Convention, drawing upon information from, inter alia, fast-start finance, the work of the Green Climate Fund, taking into account its early stage of operationalization, the initial review of the Adaptation Fund and the work programme on long-term finance, to further amend the guidelines for the review of the financial mechanism, and to provide draft updated guidelines for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session, with a view to finalizing the fifth review of the financial mechanism for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session;
3. *Also requests* the Standing Committee to provide periodic updates on the status of its work relating to the fifth review of the financial mechanism to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation for its consideration, beginning at its thirty-eighth session, with the aim of ensuring an inclusive and transparent process;
4. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat by 1 March 2013 for consideration by the Standing Committee their views and recommendations on elements in the development of the further guidelines for the fifth review of the financial mechanism.

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7 December 2012*

Decision 9/CP.18

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 12/CP.2, 3/CP.16, 5/CP.16, 7/CP.16 and 11/CP.17,

Also recalling decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 7(a)(iv),

Taking note with appreciation of the annual report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties, which provides information on its efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the allocation of funding,¹

Noting the recommendations of the Standing Committee with regard to the provision of draft guidance for the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention,

Taking note of the decisions taken at the 43rd meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility, in particular the decision on Financial Projections for GEF-5 Programming Options,

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention:

(a) To make available support to non-Annex I Parties for preparing their subsequent BURs, fully taking into account decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 41(a) and (e);

(b) To provide funds for technical support for the preparation of BURs from non-Annex I Parties, similar to that provided by the National Communications Support Programme, recognizing that the costs of such technical support are not deducted from the funds provided to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their BURs;

(c) Through the Special Climate Change Fund, to consider how to enable activities for the preparation of the national adaptation plan process for interested developing country Parties that are not least developed country Parties, as it requested the Global Environment Facility, through the Least Developed Countries Fund, to consider how to enable activities for the preparation of the national adaptation plan process for the least developed country Parties in decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 22;²

2. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties, to include information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to submit to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-eighth session, through the secretariat, information on the status of resources available for programming in its fifth replenishment period, and on any possible contingency measures regarding the allocation of resources for implementing climate change projects;

¹ FCCC/CP/2012/6 and Add.1 and 2.

² FCCC/SB/2012/3, paragraph 27(e).

4. *Urges* contributing Parties to fulfil their financial pledges for the fifth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility;
5. *Also urges* developed country Parties to mobilize financial support for the national adaptation plan process for interested developing country Parties that are not least developed country Parties through bilateral and multilateral channels, including through the Special Climate Change Fund, in accordance with decision 1/CP.16, as it urged developed country Parties to mobilize financial support for the national adaptation plan process for least developed country Parties in decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 21;³
6. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to make its annual report to the Conference of the Parties available as early as possible and no later than 14 weeks prior to a session of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration by Parties;
7. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, and no later than 10 weeks prior to a session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations in writing on the elements to be taken into account in the development of annual guidance for the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention;
8. *Requests* the secretariat to compile the submissions referred to in paragraph 7 above, for consideration by Parties in developing guidance for the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention;
9. *Also requests* the Standing Committee to provide to the Conference of the Parties at each of its sessions, beginning in 2013, draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, based on the annual report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and the views submitted by Parties as set out in paragraph 7 above.

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8 December 2012*

³ FCCC/SB/2012/3, paragraph 27(d).

Decision 10/CP.18

Further guidance to the Least Developed Countries Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the specific needs and special circumstances of the least developed countries, as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Recalling decisions 6/CP.9, 3/CP.11, 5/CP.14, 5/CP.16 and 9/CP.17,

Also recalling the least developed countries work programme, as defined in decision 5/CP.7,

Noting the report on the twenty-second meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group,¹ the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session² and the synthesis report prepared by the secretariat,³

Taking note of the decisions taken at the 43rd meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility,

Welcoming the key GEF-5 reform to expand the Global Environment Facility partnership,

Expressing its appreciation for the continuing efforts of the Global Environment Facility to undertake this important reform,

1. *Welcomes* the increased allocation and disbursement of funds to least developed country Parties under the Least Developed Countries Fund;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the Parties included in Annex II to the Convention that have made additional contributions to the Least Developed Countries Fund;
3. *Takes note* of the increased number of least developed countries successfully completing the preparation of their national adaptation programmes of action, including Myanmar and Somalia, and that the Least Developed Countries Fund has financed the preparation of 48 national adaptation programmes of action, of which 47 have been completed;
4. *Notes* that the Least Developed Countries Fund has approved funding for 76 national adaptation programmes of action projects in 44 least developed countries;
5. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention entrusted with the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund:

(a) To continue to support all activities contained in the least developed countries work programme;

(b) To continue mobilizing resources to ensure the full implementation of the least developed countries work programme, including the implementation of the elements of the work programme other than national adaptation programmes of action, through, inter alia, capacity-building to improve coordination at different levels of government and across

¹ FCCC/SBI/2012/27.

² FCCC/CP/2012/6 and Add.1 and 2.

³ FCCC/SBI/2012/INF.13.

sectors in order to improve project performance in the least developed country Parties, with regard to the implementation of the Convention;

(c) To further facilitate access to the Least Developed Countries Fund by the least developed countries;

(d) To further enhance a country-driven process for the implementation of national adaptation programme of action projects and the implementation of programmatic approaches;

(e) To continue raising awareness of the need for adequate and predictable resources under the Least Developed Countries Fund to allow for the full implementation of the least developed countries work programme, in particular national adaptation programmes of action, as outlined in decision 5/CP.14, paragraph 8;

(f) To enhance communication with its implementing agencies on the updated operational guidelines for the Least Developed Countries Fund;

6. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention entrusted with the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, to include, in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties, information on specific actions that it has undertaken to implement this decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its subsequent sessions;

7. *Invites* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to continue contributing and other Parties in a position to do so to contribute on a voluntary basis to the Least Developed Countries Fund in order to support the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, considering the options contained in the report on the twenty-first meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;⁴

8. *Also invites* Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 1 August 2014, information on their experiences with the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme, considering the options contained in the report on the twenty-first meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-first session;

9. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the progress made in the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme, considering the options contained in the report on the twenty-first meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, and taking into account information from the Global Environment Facility and its agencies, the submissions referred to in paragraph 8 above, the reports of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and other relevant sources of information, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-first session;

10. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider, at its forty-first session, the progress made in the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, with a view to the Conference of the Parties

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2012/7.

determining, at its twentieth session, appropriate further guidance to be provided to the Least Developed Countries Fund.

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