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PARIS AGREEMENT

The Name of the Parties to this Agreement,

Being Parties to the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*, [UNFCOCC] hereinafter referred to as the "*Convention*",

Pursuant to the *Durban Platform for Enhanced Action* [DPfEA] established by **decision 1/CP.17** of the *Conference of the Parties* (CP) to the *Convention* at its seventeenth (17) session,

In **pursuit** of the *objective* of the *Convention*, and being **guided** by its *principles*, including the *principle* of

- equity and
- common but differentiated responsibilities and
- respective capabilities,

in the light of different national circumstances,

Recognizing the need for an

- effective and
- progressive (No "urgent " 'response' only "urgent" 'threat')

response to the **urgent threat** of climate change on the **basis** of the best available scientific knowledge,

Also recognizing the

- specific needs and
- special circumstances

of *developing country Parties*, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, **as provided for in the** *Convention***.**

Taking full account of the

- specific needs and
- special situations

of the least developed countries with regard to

- funding and
- transfer of technology.

Recognizing that Parties may be affected

- not only by climate change, but
- also by the impacts of the measures taken in response to it,

Emphasizing the *intrinsic relationship* that climate change

- actions,
- responses and
- impacts

have with equitable access to

- sustainable development and
- *eradication* of poverty,

Recognizing the fundamental priority of

- safeguarding food security and
- ending hunger, and
- the *particular vulnerabilities* of food production systems to the adverse impacts of climate change,

Taking into account

- the imperatives of a *just transition* of the workforce and
- the creation of decent work and
- quality jobs

in accordance with *nationally defined development priorities*,

Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change,

- respect,
- *promote* and
- consider

their respective obligations on

- human rights,
- the right to health,
- the rights of
 - o indigenous peoples,
 - o local communities,

- o migrants,
- o children,
- o persons with disabilities and
- o people in vulnerable situations and
- the right to
 - o development, as well as
 - o gender equality,
 - o empowerment of women and
 - o intergenerational equity,

Recognizing the importance of

- the conservation and
- enhancement.

as appropriate,

of

- sinks and
- reservoirs

of the greenhouse gases referred to in the Convention,

Noting the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including

- oceans, and
- the protection of biodiversity, recognized by some cultures as Mother Earth, and

noting the importance for some of the concept of "climate justice", when taking action to address climate change,

Affirming the importance of

- education,
- training,
- public awareness,
- public participation,
- public access to information and
- cooperation

at all levels on the matters addressed in this Agreement,

Recognizing the importance of the engagements of

- all levels of government and
- various *actors*.

in accordance with **respective** national legislations of Parties, in addressing climate change,

Also recognizing that

- sustainable lifestyles and
- sustainable patterns of
 - o consumption and
 - o production,

with *Developed country Parties* taking the lead, play an important role in addressing climate change,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1 Definitions

For the purpose of this *Agreement*, the definitions contained in Article 1 of the *Convention* shall apply.

In addition:

- (a) "*Convention*" means the United Nations Framework *Convention* on Climate Change, adopted in New York on 9 **May** 1992;
- (b) "Conference of the Parties" means the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;
- (c) "*Party*" means a Party to this *Agreement*.

The following terms are used through the document in an implied context but have no definitions

Adaptation

Adaptation ambition

Adaptation communication

Adaptation efforts

Adaptive capacity

Ambitious efforts

Developing country parties

Domestic mitigation measures

Global stocktake

Institutional arrangements

Internationally transferred mitigation outcomes

Modalities

Nationally determined contribution

Convention objectives

Regional economic integration organizations

Reservations

Reservoirs of greenhouse gases

Results-based payments

Sinks

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties

Article 2 Temperature Targets

- 1. This *Agreement*, in **enhancing** the **implementation** of the *Convention*, including its *objective*, aims to **strengthen** the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of
 - sustainable development and
 - efforts to eradicate poverty, including

by:

- (a) (i) **Holding** the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and
 - (ii) **Pursuing** efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels,

recognizing that this would significantly reduce the

- risks and
- impacts

of climate change;

- (b) (i) **Increasing** the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and
 - (ii) Foster
 - climate resilience and
 - low greenhouse gas emissions development,

in a manner that does not threaten food production; and

(c) Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards

- · low greenhouse gas emissions and
- climate-resilient development.

2. This *Agreement* will be implemented to reflect

- equity; and
- the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities; and
- respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances.

Article 3 Ambitions

As *nationally determined contributions* to the **global response** to climate change, all Parties are to

- undertake and
- communicate

ambitious efforts as defined in

Articles 4, — (The rate at which action will be implemented)

Articles 7 — (The establishment of a Global Goals)

Articles 9, — (Financial support to *developing countries*)

Articles 10, — (Shared long term goal for sustainability)

Articles 11 —(Capacity building for smallest developing countries) and

Articles 13 — (Global cooperation in program roll outs)

with the **view** to achieving the purpose of this *Agreement* as set out in Article 2.

The **efforts** of all Parties will represent a **progression over time**, while **recognizing** the need to **support** *developing country Parties* for the **effective implementation** of this *Agreement*.

Article 4 Peaking Emissions

1. In order to achieve the long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2, Parties aim to reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, recognizing that peaking will take longer for developing country Parties, and to undertake rapid reductions thereafter in accordance with best available science, so as to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century, on the

basis of

- equity, and
- in the context of sustainable development and
- efforts to eradicate poverty.

2. Each Party shall

- prepare,
- communicate and
- maintain

<u>successive</u> nationally determined contributions that it **intends** to achieve.

Parties shall pursue *domestic mitigation measures*, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such <u>contributions</u>.

- 3. Each Party's successive *nationally determined contribution* will represent a progression beyond the Party's then current *nationally determined contribution* and **reflect** its highest possible ambition, **reflecting** its common but differentiated responsibilities and **respective** capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances.
- 4. Developed country Parties should continue taking the lead by undertaking economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets.

Developing country Parties should continue enhancing their mitigation efforts, and are encouraged to move over time towards economy-wide emission reduction or limitation targets in the light of different national circumstances.

- 5. **Support shall** be provided to *developing country Parties* for the **implementation** of this Article, in accordance with
 - Articles 9 (financial support to *developing countries*)
 - Articles 10 (shared long term goal for sustainability)
 - Articles 11— (Capacity building for smallest *developing countries*)

recognizing that enhanced support for *developing country Parties* will allow for higher ambition in their actions.

- 6. The *least developed countries* and small island developing States may
 - prepare and
 - communicate strategies,
 - plans and
 - actions

for low greenhouse gas emissions development reflecting their <u>special</u> circumstances.

- 7. **Mitigation** co-benefits resulting from
 - Parties' adaptation actions and/or
 - economic diversification plans

can contribute to mitigation outcomes under this Article.

- 8. In **communicating** their *nationally determined contributions* all Parties **shall** provide the **information** necessary for
 - clarity,
 - transparency and
 - understanding in accordance with decision 1/CP.21 and
 - any relevant decisions of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.
- 9. Each Party shall communicate
 - a *nationally determined contribution* every five years in accordance with decision 1/CP21 and
 - any relevant decisions of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* and
 - be informed by the outcomes of the *global stocktake* referred to in Article 14.
- 10. The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement **shall consider common time frames** for *nationally determined contribution* s at its first session.
- 11. A Party may at any time adjust its existing nationally determined

contribution with a view **to enhancing** its level of ambition, in accordance with *guidance* adopted by the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

- 12. *Nationally determined contributions* **communicated** by Parties **shall** be **recorded** in a **public registry** maintained by the **secretariat**.
- 13. Parties shall account for their nationally determined contributions.

In **accounting** for anthropogenic <u>emissions</u> and <u>removals</u> corresponding to their *nationally determined contribution* s, **Parties shall** promote

- environmental integrity,
- transparency,
- accuracy,
- completeness,
- comparability and
- consistency,

and ensure the **avoidance** of **double counting**, in accordance with *guidance* adopted by the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

- 14. In the context of their *nationally determined contributions* when **recognizing** and **implementing** mitigation actions with respect to anthropogenic emissions and removals, **Parties** should take into **account**, <u>as appropriate</u>, existing methods and guidance under the *Convention*, in the light of the provisions of <u>paragraph 13</u> of this Article.
- 15. **Parties shall** take into **consideration** in the **implementation** of this *Agreement* the concerns of **Parties** with **economies** most affected by the **impacts** of **response** measures, particularly *developing country Parties*.
- 16. **Parties**, including regional economic integration organizations and their member States, that have reached an *Agreement* to act **jointly**

under paragraph 2 of this Article **shall** notify the secretariat of the terms of that *Agreement*, including

• the emission level allocated to each Party within the relevant time period,

when they **communicate** their *nationally determined contributions*.

The secretariat **shall** in turn **inform** the Parties and signatories to the *Convention* of the terms of that *Agreement*.

- 17. Each **party** to such an *Agreement* **shall** be **responsible** for its **emission level** as set out in the *Agreement* referred to in paragraph 16 of this Article in accordance with
 - paragraph 13— (Parties account for determined contributions.) and
 - paragraph14— (Parties take notice of *Convention* guidance)

of this Article and

- Article 13— (Global cooperation in program roll outs) and
- Article 15— (Implementation and Promotion of Compliance)
- 18. If **Parties** acting **jointly** do so in the framework of, and together with, a regional *economic integration organization* which is itself a Party to this *Agreement*, **each member** *State* of that *regional economic integration organization* individually, and together with the *regional economic integration organization*, **shall** be responsible for its emission level as set out in the *Agreement* communicated under paragraph 16 of this Article in accordance with paragraphs 13 and 14 of this Article and Articles 13 and 15.

19. All Parties should strive to

- formulate and
- communicate

long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies, mindful of Article 2 taking into account their *common but differentiated responsibilities* and *respective capabilities*, in the light of *different national circumstances*.

Article 5 Sinks and Reservoirs

- 1. Parties should take action to conserve and enhance, as appropriate, sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1 (d), of the *Convention*, including forests.
- 2. **Parties** are **encouraged** to take action to implement and support, including through results-based payments, the existing framework as set out in related guidance and decisions already agreed under the *Convention* for:
 - policy approaches and positive incentives for activities relating to reducing emissions from
 - o deforestation and
 - o forest degradation, and
 - the **role** of
 - o conservation,
 - o sustainable management of forests and
 - enhancement of forest carbon stocks

in developing countries; and

- alternative policy approaches, such as
 - joint mitigation and
 - adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests,

while **reaffirming** the importance of **incentivizing**, as appropriate, non-carbon benefits associated with such approaches.

Article 6 Voluntary Higher Ambition

- 1. **Parties** recognize that some Parties choose to pursue voluntary cooperation in the implementation of their *nationally determined* contribution s to allow for higher ambition in their
 - mitigation and
 - adaptation action and

to promote sustainable development and environmental integrity.

2. Parties shall, where engaging on a voluntary basis in cooperative approaches that involve the use of internationally transferred

mitigation outcomes towards *nationally determined contributions*, promote sustainable development and **ensure**

- environmental integrity and
- transparency, including in governance, and

shall apply **robust** accounting to ensure, *inter alia*, the avoidance of **double counting**, consistent with *guidance* adopted by the *Conference* of the Parties serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

3. The use of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes to achieve *nationally determined contribution* s under this *Agreement* shall be voluntary and authorized by participating Parties.

4. A *mechanism* to

- contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and
- support sustainable development

is hereby established under the **authority** and **guidance** of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* for use by Parties on a **voluntary** basis.

It **shall** be **supervised** by a body designated by the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*, and **shall aim**:

- (a) To **promote** the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions while fostering sustainable development;
- (b) To **incentivize** and **facilitate** participation in the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions by public and private entities authorized by a Party;
- (c) To **contribute** to the **reduction** of emission levels in the host Party, which will benefit from mitigation activities resulting in emission reductions that can also be used by another Party to fulfil its *nationally determined contribution*; and
- (d) To **deliver** an overall mitigation in global emissions.
- 5. **Emission reductions** resulting from the *mechanism* referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article **shall not** be used to **demonstrate** achievement of the host Party's *nationally determined contribution* if

used by another Party to demonstrate achievement of its *nationally* determined contribution .

- 6. The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement shall ensure that a share of the proceeds from activities under the *mechanism* referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article is used to cover administrative expenses as well as to assist developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to meet the costs of adaptation.
- 7. The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement shall adopt
 - rules.
 - modalities and
 - procedures

for the *mechanism* referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article at its **first** session.

- 8. Parties recognize the importance of
 - integrated,
 - holistic and
 - balanced non-market approaches

being **available** to Parties to **assist** in the **implementation** of their *nationally determined contributions*, in the **context** of

- sustainable development and
- poverty eradication,

in a

- coordinated and
- effective manner,

including through, inter alia,

- mitigation,
- adaptation,
- finance.
- technology transfer and
- capacity building,

as appropriate.

These approaches shall aim to:

- (a) Promote mitigation and adaptation ambition;
- (b) Enhance public and private sector participation in the implementation of *nationally determined contribution* s; and
- (c) Enable opportunities for
 - coordination across instruments and
 - relevant institutional arrangements.
- 9. A **framework** for non-market approaches to sustainable development is **hereby defined** to promote the non-market approaches referred to in paragraph 8 of this Article.

Article 7- Adaptation; Resilience; Vulnerability.

- 1. Parties hereby establish the global goal on
 - adaptation of enhancing adaptive capacity,
 - · strengthening resilience and
 - reducing vulnerability to climate change,

with a view to contributing to

- sustainable development and
- ensuring an adequate adaptation response

in the context of the temperature goal referred to in Article 2.

- 2. **Parties** recognize that adaptation is a global challenge faced by all with local, sub-national, national, regional and international dimensions, and that it is a
 - key component of and
 - makes a contribution to

the long-term global response to climate change to protect

- people,
- · livelihoods and
- ecosystems,

taking into account the

- urgent and
- immediate

needs of those *developing country Parties* that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

- 3. The **adaptation** efforts of *developing country Parties* **shall** be **recognized**, in accordance with the **modalities** to be adopted by the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* at its **first session**.
- 4. Parties recognize that the current need for adaptation is significant and that greater levels of mitigation can reduce the need for additional adaptation efforts, and that greater adaptation needs can involve greater adaptation costs.
- 5. Parties acknowledge that adaptation action should follow a
 - country-driven,
 - gender-responsive,
 - participatory and
 - fully transparent approach,

taking into consideration

- vulnerable groups,
- communities and
- ecosystems,

and should be based on and guided by

- the best available science and,
- as appropriate,
 - o traditional knowledge,
 - knowledge of indigenous peoples and
 - o local knowledge systems,

with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant

- socioeconomic and
- environmental policies and
- actions,

where appropriate.

- 6. Parties recognize
 - the importance of support for and
 - international cooperation on

adaptation efforts and

- the **importance** of taking into account the needs of *developing* country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.
- 7. Parties should strengthen their cooperation on enhancing action on adaptation, taking into account the Cancun Adaptation Framework, including with regard to:

(a)

- o Sharing information,
- o good practices,
- experiences and
- o lessons learned,

including, as appropriate, as these relate to

- science,
- planning,
- policies and
- implementation

in relation to adaptation actions;

(b)

Strengthening *institutional arrangements*, including those under the *Convention* that serve this *Agreement*, to support the synthesis of relevant

- information and
- knowledge, and
- the **provision** of

o technical support and

o guidance

(c)

Strengthening scientific knowledge on climate, including

o research,

to Parties:

- o systematic observation of the climate system and
- o early warning systems,

in a **manner** that

- o informs climate services and
- supports decision-making;

- (d) Assisting developing country Parties in identifying
 - o effective adaptation practices,
 - o adaptation needs,
 - o priorities,
 - support provided and
 - o support received

for adaptation actions;

and

- o efforts, and
- challenges and
- o gaps,

in a manner consistent with encouraging good practices; and

- (e) **Improving** the effectiveness and durability of adaptation actions.
- 8. United Nations specialized organizations and agencies are encouraged to support the efforts of Parties to implement the actions referred to in paragraph 7 (Strengthening cooperation) of this Article, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 5 (Formula for adaptation) of this Article.
- 9. Each Party shall, as appropriate,
 - engage in adaptation planning processes and
 - the implementation of actions,

including

- the development or enhancement of relevant plans, policies and/or
- contributions, which may include:
 - (a) The implementation of adaptation actions, undertakings and/or efforts;
 - (b) The process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
 - (c) The assessment of climate change impacts and vulnerability, with a view to formulating nationally determined prioritized actions, taking into account

- vulnerable people,
- places and
- ecosystems;
- o (d) Monitoring and evaluating and learning from
 - adaptation plans,
 - policies,
 - programmes and
 - actions; and
- o (e) Building the
 - resilience of
 - socioeconomic and
 - ecological systems,

including through

- economic diversification and
- sustainable management of natural resources.
- 10. Each Party should, as appropriate,
 - submit and
 - update

periodically an adaptation communication, which may include its

- priorities,
- implementation and
- support needs,
- plans and
- actions,

without creating any additional burden for developing country Parties.

- 11. The *adaptation communication* referred to in paragraph 10 of this Article shall be, as appropriate,
 - submitted and
 - updated periodically,

as a component of or in conjunction with

- other communications or
- documents, including
 - o a national adaptation plan,

- a nationally determined contribution as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2, and/or
- a national communication.
- 12. The *adaptation communications* referred to in paragraph 10 of this Article **shall** be recorded in a **public registry** maintained by the secretariat.
- 13. **Continuous** and **enhanced international support shall** be provided to *developing* **country Parties** for the implementation of
 - a. paragraph 7 (Cancun Adaptation Framework,)
 - b. paragraph 9 (Adaptation planning and implementation)
 - c. paragraph 10— (Periodically an adaptation communication)
 - d. paragraph 11— (Adaptation communication submitted and updated periodically

of this Article, in accordance with the provisions of

- Articles 9, (Financial support to developing countries for mitigation and adaptation purposes)
- Articles 10, (Shared long term goal for sustainability)
- Articles 11 (Capacity building for smallest developing countries)
- 14. The *global stocktake* referred to in Article 14 shall, inter alia:
 - (a) **Recognize** adaptation efforts of developing country Parties;
 - (b) **Enhance** the implementation of adaptation action taking into account the adaptation communication referred to in paragraph 10 of this Article:
 - (c) Review the adequacy and effectiveness of
 - adaptation and
 - support provided for adaptation; and
 - (d) **Review** the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on *adaptation* referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 8 Warsaw International Mechanism

- 1. Parties recognize the importance of
 - averting,
 - minimizing and

- addressing
 - o loss and
 - o damage

associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including

- · extreme weather events and
- slow onset events, and
- the role of sustainable development in reducing the risk of
 - o loss and
 - o damage.
- 2. The *Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage* associated with *Climate Change Impacts* shall be subject to the
 - authority and
 - guidance

of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement and may be

- enhanced and
- strengthened,

as determined by the *Conference of the Parties* serving *as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

- 3. Parties should enhance
 - understanding,
 - action and
 - support,

including through the *Warsaw International Mechanism*, as appropriate, on a

- cooperative and
- facilitative basis

with respect to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

- 4. Accordingly, areas of
 - cooperation and
 - facilitation

to enhance

understanding,

- action and
- support

may include:

- (a) Early warning systems;
- (b) Emergency preparedness;
- (c) Slow onset events;
- (d) Events that may involve
 - irreversible and
 - permanent

loss and damage;

- (e) Comprehensive
 - risk assessment and
 - risk management,

(f)

- Risk Insurance facilities,
- · climate risk pooling and
- other insurance solutions;
- (g) Non-economic losses; and
- (h) Resilience of
 - communities.
 - livelihoods and
 - ecosystems.
- 5. The Warsaw International Mechanism shall collaborate with
 - existing bodies and
 - expert groups

under the Agreement, as well as

- relevant organizations and
- expert bodies

outside the Agreement.

Article 9 Financing *Developing Country Parties*

- 1. *Developed country Parties* shall provide financial resources to assist *developing country Parties* with respect to both
 - mitigation and
 - adaptation

in **continuation** of their existing obligations under the *Convention*.

- 2. **Other Parties** are encouraged to provide or continue to provide such support voluntarily.
- 3. As part of a global effort, *Developed country Parties* should continue to take the lead in **mobilizing climate finance** from a wide variety of
 - sources,
 - instruments and
 - channels.

noting the **significant role** of public funds, through a variety of actions, including

- supporting country-driven strategies, and
- taking into account
 - o the needs and
 - o priorities

of developing country Parties.

Such mobilization of climate finance should represent a progression beyond previous efforts.

- 4. The **provision** of scaled-up financial resources **should** aim to **achieve a balance** between
 - adaptation and
 - mitigation,

taking into account

- country-driven strategies, and
- the priorities and needs of developing country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects

of climate change and have significant capacity constraints, such as

- the least developed countries and
- small island developing States,

considering the need for **public** and **grant**-based resources for adaptation.

- 5. Developed country Parties shall biennially communicate indicative
 - quantitative and

qualitative

information related to

- paragraph 1 (provide financial resources) and
- paragraph 3 (mobilizing climate finance)

of this Article, <u>as applicable</u>, including, <u>as available</u>, projected levels of public financial resources to be provided to *developing country Parties*.

Other Parties providing resources are encouraged to communicate biennially such information on a voluntary basis.

6. The *global stocktake* referred to in Article 14 (Implementation Review) **shall** take into account the <u>relevant</u> information provided by *Developed country Parties* and/or *Agreement* bodies on efforts related to climate finance.

7. Developed country Parties shall provide

- transparent and
- consistent

information on support for developing country Parties

- provided and
- mobilized

through public interventions biennially in accordance with the

- modalities.
- procedures and
- guidelines

to be adopted by the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting* of the Parties to this Agreement, at its **first session**, as stipulated in Article 13, paragraph 13.—(Adopt common modalities, procedures and guidelines, as appropriate)

Other Parties are encouraged to do so.

8. The *Financial Mechanism* of the *Convention*, including its operating entities, **shall** serve as the *Financial Mechanism* of this *Agreement*.

- 9. The institutions serving this *Agreement*, including the operating entities of the *Financial Mechanism* of the *Convention*, **shall aim** to ensure **efficient access** to financial resources through
 - · simplified approval procedures and
 - · enhanced readiness support

for developing country Parties, in particular for

- the least developed countries and
- small island developing States,

in the context of their national climate strategies and plans.

Article 10 Technology Development and Transfer

- 1. Parties share a long-term vision on the importance of fully realizing
 - technology development and
 - technology transfer

in **order** to

- improve resilience to climate change and
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- 2. Parties, noting the importance of technology for the
 - implementation of mitigation and
 - adaptation actions

under this Agreement and

- recognizing existing technology deployment and
- dissemination efforts.

shall strengthen cooperative action on technology

- development and
- technology transfer.
- 3. The *Technology Mechanism* established under the *Convention* shall serve this *Agreement*.
- 4. A technology framework is **hereby established** to provide **overarching guidance** to the work of the *Technology Mechanism* in
 - promoting and
 - facilitating

enhanced action on technology

- development and
- transfer

in order to support the implementation of this *Agreement*, in pursuit of the long-term vision referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

5.

- Accelerating,
- encouraging and
- enabling

innovation is critical for an effective, long-term global response to

- o climate change and
- o promoting economic growth and
- o sustainable development.

Such effort shall be, as appropriate, supported, including by the

- Technology Mechanism and
- financial means,

by the *Financial Mechanism* of the *Convention*, for collaborative approaches to

- research and development, and
- facilitating access to technology,

in particular for early stages of the technology cycle, to *developing* country Parties.

- 6. **Support**, including financial support, **shall** be provided to *developing country Parties* for the implementation of this Article, including for strengthening cooperative action on **technology**
 - development and
 - transfer

at different stages of the technology cycle, with a view to <u>achieving a balance between</u> support for

- mitigation and
- adaptation.

The *global stocktake* referred to in Article 14 (Implementation Review) shall take into account available information on efforts related to support on technology

- o development and
- transfer for

Article 11 Capacity Building

- 1. Capacity-building under this Agreement should enhance the capacity and ability of developing country Parties, in particular countries with the least capacity, such as
 - the least developed countries, and
 - those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, such as
 - o small island developing States,

to take effective climate change action, including, inter alia, to implement

- adaptation and
- mitigation

actions, and should facilitate technology

- development,
- dissemination and
- deployment,
- access to climate finance,
- relevant aspects of education,
- training and
- public awareness, and

the

- transparent,
- timely and
- accurate

communication of information.

2. Capacity-building should be

- country-driven,
- based on and responsive to national needs, and
- foster country ownership of Parties,

in particular, for developing country Parties, including at the

- national.
- sub-national and
- local levels.

Capacity-building should be guided by lessons learned, including those from Capacity-building activities under the Convention, and should be an

- effective,
- iterative

process that is

- participatory,
- cross-cutting and
- gender-responsive.
- 3. All Parties should cooperate to enhance the capacity of *developing* country Parties to implement this Agreement.

Developed country Parties should enhance support for Capacity-building actions in developing country Parties.

- 4. All Parties **enhancing the capacity** of *developing country Parties* to **implement** this *Agreement*, including through
 - regional,
 - bilateral and
 - multilateral

approaches, **shall** regularly **communicate** on these

- actions or
- measures

on capacity building.

Developing country Parties should regularly communicate progress made on implementing Capacity-building

- plans,
- policies,
- actions or
- measures

to **implement** this *Agreement*.

5. Capacity-building activities shall be enhanced through appropriate

institutional arrangements to **support** the **implementation** of this *Agreement*, including the appropriate *institutional arrangements* established under the *Convention* that serve this *Agreement*.

The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* shall, at its first session,

- consider and
- adopt

a **decision** on the initial *institutional arrangements* for *Capacity-building*.

Article 12

Education & Training-Public Access; Awareness; Participation.

Parties **shall** cooperate in taking measures, as appropriate, to enhance climate change

- education,
- training,
- public awareness,
- public participation and
- public access to information,

recognizing the importance of these steps with respect to enhancing actions under this *Agreement*.

Article 13 Trust and Confidence

- 1. In order to build
 - mutual trust and
 - confidence

and to

- promote effective implementation, an enhanced *transparency* framework for
 - o action and
 - o support,

with built-in **flexibility** which

- o takes into account Parties' different capacities and
- builds upon collective experience

is hereby established.

- 2. The *transparency framework* **shall** provide flexibility in the implementation of the provisions of this Article to those *developing country Parties* that need it in the light of their capacities. The modalities, procedures and guidelines referred to in paragraph 13 of this Article **shall** reflect such flexibility.
- 3. The transparency framework shall
 - **build on** and
 - enhance

the *transparency arrangements* under the *Convention*, **recognizing** the special circumstances of the

- least developed countries and
- small island developing States,

and be **implemented** in a

- facilitative.
- non-intrusive,
- non-punitive

manner,

- respectful of national sovereignty, and
- avoid **placing undue burden** on Parties.
- 4. The transparency arrangements under the Convention, including
 - national communications,
 - biennial reports and
 - biennial update reports,
 - international assessment and
 - review and
 - international consultation and
 - international analysis.

shall form part of the **experience** drawn upon for the **development** of the

- modalities.
- procedures and
- guidelines

under paragraph 13 of this Article.

- 5. The purpose of the *framework for transparency* of action is to
 - **provide** a clear understanding of climate change action in the light of the objective of the *Convention* as set out in its Article 2, including
 - o clarity and
 - tracking of progress towards achieving Parties' individual nationally determined contribution s under Article 4, and
 - o Parties' adaptation actions under Article 7, including
 - good practices,
 - priorities,
 - needs and
 - gaps,

to inform the global stocktake under Article 14.

- 6. The purpose of the *framework for transparency* of support is to
 - provide clarity on support provided and
 - received by relevant individual Parties in the context of climate change actions under:-

Articles 4, — (The rate at which action will be implemented)

Articles 7 —, (The establishment of a Global Goals)

Articles 9, — (financial support to developing countries for

mitigation and adaptation purposes)

Articles 10, — (shared long term goal for sustainability)

Articles 11 — (Capacity building for smallest developing

countries)

 to the extent possible, to provide a full overview of aggregate financial support provided,

to inform the *global stocktake* under Article 14.

- 7. Each Party **shall** regularly provide the following **information**:
 - (a) A national inventory report of
 - o anthropogenic emissions by sources and
 - o removals by sinks of greenhouse gases,
 - prepared using good practice methodologies accepted by the *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* and
 - agreed upon by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement, and

- (b) Information necessary to
- o track progress made in implementing and
- achieving its nationally determined contribution under
 Article 4. (The rate at which action will be implemented)
- 8. Each Party **should** also provide **information** related to climate change **impacts** and **adaptation** under Article 7, **as appropriate**.
- 9. Developed country Parties shall, and other Parties that provide support should, provide information on
- financial.
- technology transfer and
- *Capacity-building* support

provided to *developing country Parties* under

Articles 9, — (financial support to developing countries for

mitigation and adaptation purposes)

Articles 10, — (shared long term goal for sustainability)

Articles 11 — (Capacity building for smallest developing

countries)

10. Developing country Parties should provide information on

- financial,
- technology transfer and
- Capacity-building support

needed and received under

Articles 9, — (financial support to developing countries for

mitigation and adaptation purposes)

Articles 10, — (shared long term goal for sustainability)

Articles 11 — (Capacity building for smallest developing

countries)

11. Information submitted by each Party under

- paragraph 7— (Regularly provide information) and
- paragraph 9 (Provide information on support)

of this Article **shall** undergo a technical expert review, in accordance with **decision** 1/**CP.21**.

For those *developing country Parties* that need it in the light of their capacities, the review process **shall** include

• assistance in identifying *Capacity-building* needs.

In addition, each Party shall participate in a

- facilitative.
- multilateral

consideration of progress with respect to

- efforts under Article 9 (financial support to developing countries for mitigation and adaptation purposes), and
- its respective implementation and
- achievement of its nationally determined contribution .

12. The **technical expert review** under this paragraph **shall** consist of

- a consideration of the Party's support provided, as relevant, and
- its implementation and
- achievement of its nationally determined contribution.

The review shall also

- identify areas of improvement for the Party, and
- include a review of the consistency of the information with the
 - modalities.
 - o procedures and
 - o guidelines referred

to in paragraph 13 (Adopted by *Conference of the Parties*) of this Article, taking into account the flexibility accorded to the Party under paragraph 2 (To provide flexibility in the implementation to *developing country Parties*) of this Article.

The review **shall** pay particular **attention** to the respective **national capabilities** and **circumstances** of **developing country Parties**.

- 13. The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement shall, at its first session,
 - building on experience from the arrangements related to transparency under the Convention, and
 - elaborating on the provisions in this Article,

adopt

- common modalities.
- procedures and
- guidelines,

as appropriate, for

- the transparency of action and
- support.
- 14. **Support shall** be provided to *developing countries* for the implementation of this Article -(13).
- 15. **Support shall** also be provided for the building of transparency-related capacity of *developing country Parties* on a continuous basis.

Article 14 Implementation Review

- 1. The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement shall periodically take stock of the implementation of this Agreement to assess the collective progress towards:
 - · achieving the purpose of this Agreement and
 - its long-term goals (referred to as the "global stocktake").

It (The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement) shall do so in a

- comprehensive and
- facilitative

manner, considering

- mitigation,
- adaptation and
- the means of implementation and
- support,

in the light of

- equity and the
- best available science.
- 2. The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement shall undertake its
 - first global stocktake in 2023 and

• then every five years thereafter unless otherwise decided by the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

- 3. The outcome of the global stocktake shall inform Parties in
 - updating and
 - enhancing,

in a nationally determined manner, their

- actions and
- support

in accordance with

- the relevant provisions of this Agreement, as well as
- in enhancing international cooperation for climate action.

Article 15 Implementation and Promotion of Compliance

- 1. A *mechanism* to facilitate
 - implementation of and
 - promote compliance with

the provisions of this Agreement is hereby established.

- 2. The *mechanism* referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article **shall** consist of
 - a committee that shall be expert-based and
 - facilitative in nature and
 - function in a manner that is
 - o transparent,
 - o non-adversarial and
 - o non-punitive.

The **committee shall** pay particular attention to the respective national capabilities and circumstances of Parties.

- 3. The committee shall operate under the
 - modalities and
 - procedures

adopted by the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* at its first session and

• **report annually** to the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

Article 16 Powers of the Conference

- 1. The *Conference of the Parties*, the supreme body of the *Convention*, shall serve as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.
- 2. **Parties** to the *Convention* that are <u>not Parties</u> to this Agreement <u>may</u> participate as **observers** in the proceedings of <u>any session</u> of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

When the *Conference of the Parties* serves as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*, **decisions** under this *Agreement* shall be taken only by those that are *Parties to this Agreement*.

- 3. When the *Conference of the Parties* serves as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*, **any member** of the *Bureau* of the *Conference of the Parties* representing a Party to the *Convention* but, at that time, not a Party to this *Agreement*, **shall** be **replaced** by an additional member
 - to be elected by and
 - from amongst

the Parties to this Agreement.

- 4. The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement shall keep under regular review
- the implementation of this *Agreement* and shall make, within its mandate,
 - the decisions necessary to promote its effective implementation.

It (The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement) shall perform the functions assigned to it by this Agreement and shall:

(a) **Establish** such subsidiary bodies as deemed necessary for the implementation of this *Agreement*, and

(b) **Exercise** such other functions as may be required for the implementation of this *Agreement*.

5. The

• rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and

Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement.

Article 21 paragraph 1 for that date) of this *Agreement*.

• the **financial** procedures applied under the *Convention* **shall** be applied *mutatis mutandis* under this *Agreement*, except as

may be otherwise decided by **consensus** by the *Conference* of the

6. The **first session** of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* **shall** be **convened** by the **secretariat** <u>in conjunction with</u> the **first session** of the *Conference of the Parties* that is **scheduled** after the date of entry into force (See

Subsequent ordinary sessions of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* shall be held in conjunction with ordinary sessions of the *Conference of the Parties*, unless otherwise decided by the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

- 7. **Extraordinary sessions** of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* shall
 - be held at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement

or

- at the written request of any Party, provided that,
 - within six months of the request being communicated to the Parties by the secretariat, it is supported by at least one third of the Parties.

8. The

- United Nations and its
- specialized agencies and the
- International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any

- State member thereof or
- **observers** thereto not party to the *Convention*,

may be represented at sessions of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* as observers.

Any **body** or **agency**, whether

- national or
- international,
- governmental or
- non-governmental,
 - which is qualified in matters covered by this Agreement and
 - o which has **informed** the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement* as an observer,

may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object.

The **admission** and **participation** of observers **shall** be subject to the <u>rules of procedure</u> referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article.

Article 17 Powers of Secretariat

- 1. The **secretariat** established by Article 8 of the *Convention* **shall serve** as the **secretariat** of this *Agreement*.
- 2. Article 8, paragraph 2, of the *Convention* on the **functions** of the secretariat, and Article 8, paragraph 3, of the *Convention*, on the **arrangements** made for the functioning of the secretariat, **shall apply** *mutatis mutandis* to this *Agreement*.

The secretariat **shall**, in addition,

- exercise the functions assigned to it under this *Agreement* and
- **by** the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

Article 18 Subsidiary Body

- 1. The Subsidiary Body for
 - Scientific and Technological Advice and the
 - Subsidiary Body for Implementation established by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention

shall serve, respectively, as the

- Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the
- Subsidiary Body for Implementation of this Agreement.

The **provisions** of the *Convention* relating to the **functioning** of these two bodies **shall** apply *mutatis mutandis* to this *Agreement*.

Sessions of the meetings of the

- Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the
- Subsidiary Body for Implementation of this Agreement

shall be held in conjunction with the meetings of, respectively, the

- Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the
- Subsidiary Body for Implementation

of the *Convention*.

2. Parties to the *Convention* that are not *Parties* to this Agreement may participate as observers in the proceedings of any session of the subsidiary bodies.

When the **subsidiary bodies** serve as the **subsidiary bodies** of this *Agreement*, **decisions** under this *Agreement* **shall be taken only** by those that are *Parties to this Agreement*.

- 3. When the **subsidiary bodies** established by
 - Articles 9, (financial support to developing countries for mitigation and adaptation purposes)
 - Articles 10, (shared long term goal for sustainability)

of the *Convention* exercise their functions with regard to matters concerning this *Agreement*, any member of the bureaux of those subsidiary bodies representing a Party to the *Convention* but, at that

time, **not a Party** to this *Agreement*, **shall** be **replaced** by an **additional** member to be elected

- by and
- from amongst

the Parties to this Agreement.

Article 19 Miscellaneous Subsidiary Bodies

1. Subsidiary bodies or other *institutional arrangements* established by or under the *Convention*, other than those referred to in this *Agreement*, shall serve this *Agreement* upon a decision of the *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to this Agreement*.

The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties to* this Agreement shall specify the functions to be exercised by such subsidiary bodies or arrangements.

2. The *Conference of the Parties* serving as the *meeting of the Parties* to this Agreement may provide further guidance to such subsidiary bodies and institutional arrangements.

Article 20 Ratification

- 1. This *Agreement* shall be
 - open for signature and subject to
 - o ratification,
 - o acceptance or
 - o approval by
 - States and
 - regional economic integration organizations that are Parties to the *Convention*.

It **shall** be **open for signature** at the United Nations Headquarters New York

from

- 22 April 2016 to
- 21 April 2017.

Thereafter, this Agreement shall be open for accession from

• the day following the date on which it is closed for signature.

Instruments of

- ratification,
- acceptance,
- approval or
- accession

shall be **deposited** with the **Depositary**.

- 2. Any *regional economic integration organization* that becomes a Party to this *Agreement*
- without any of its member States being a Party
 shall be bound by all the obligations under this Agreement.

In the case of regional economic integration organizations with one or more member States that are Parties to this Agreement, the organization and its member States shall decide on their respective responsibilities for the performance of their obligations under this Agreement.

In such cases, the organization and the member States shall not be entitled to exercise rights under this Agreement concurrently.

3. In their instruments of

- ratification,
- acceptance,
- approval or
- accession,

regional economic integration organizations shall declare the extent of their competence with respect to the matters governed by this Agreement.

These **organizations** shall also

- inform the Depositary,
 - o who shall in turn inform the Parties,

of any substantial modification in the extent of their competence.

Article 21 Enlivening the Agreement

- 1. This *Agreement* shall enter into force
 - on the thirtieth day after the date on which at least 55 Parties to the *Convention* accounting in total for at least an estimated 55 per cent of the total global greenhouse gas emissions have deposited their instruments of
 - ratification,
 - acceptance,
 - approval or
 - accession.
- 2. Solely for the limited **purpose** of **paragraph 1** of this Article, "*total global greenhouse gas emissions*" **means** the most **up-to-date** amount **communicated** on or before the date of adoption of this *Agreement* by the Parties to the *Convention*.
- 3. For each State or regional economic integration organization that
 - ratifies,
 - accepts or
 - approves

this *Agreement* or

 accedes thereto after the conditions set out in paragraph 1 of this Article

for **entry** into force have been fulfilled, this *Agreement* shall enter into force

- on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit by such State or regional economic integration organization of its instrument of
 - o ratification,
 - o acceptance,
 - o approval or
 - o accession.

4. For the purposes of paragraph 1 of this Article, any instrument deposited by a *regional economic integration organization* shall not be counted as additional to those deposited by its member States.

Article 22 This One Seems Like A Balls Up To Me

The provisions of Article 15 (Which covers - [Implementation and Promotion of Compliance] makes no provision for "amendments" Article 16 does - seems like a missed Typo-) of the *Convention* on the adoption of amendments to the *Convention* shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to this *Agreement*.

Article 23 Annexures to Agreement

- 1. The provisions of Article 16 of the *Convention* (Power of the Conference] on the adoption and amendment of annexes (Article 16 makes no specific reference to the term "amendment" and "annexures" but does have a head of general power to the Convention to "make, within its mandate, the decisions necessary to promote its effective implementation"). to the *Convention* shall apply mutatis mutandis to this *Agreement*.
- 2. Annexes to this *Agreement* shall form an integral part thereof and, unless otherwise expressly provided for, a reference to this *Agreement* constitutes at the same time a reference to any annexes thereto.

Such annexes shall be restricted to

- lists.
- forms and
- any other material of a descriptive nature that is of a
 - o scientific.
 - o technical.
 - o procedural or
 - administrative

character.

Article 24 Authority for Implementation and Review

The provisions of Article 14 (Implementation and Review) of the *Convention* on settlement of disputes **shall** apply *mutatis mutandis* to this *Agreement*.

Article 25 Voting

- 1. Each Party shall have one vote,
 - except as provided for in paragraph 2 of this Article.
- 2. *Regional economic integration organizations*, in matters within their competence, **shall** exercise their **right** to **vote** with a number of votes equal to the number of their member States that are *Parties to this Agreement*.

Such an organization shall not exercise its right to (a block) vote if any of its member States exercises its right, and vice versa.

Article 26 Depositary for Agreements.

The **Secretary–General** of the **United Nations shall** be the **Depositary** of this *Agreement*.

Article 27 Reservations.

No reservations may be made to this Agreement.

Article 28 Withdrawal from Agreement.

- 1. At any time after three years from the date on which this *Agreement* has entered into force for a Party, that **Party may** withdraw from this *Agreement* by giving written notification to the Depositary.
- 2. Any such withdrawal shall take effect
 - upon expiry of one year from the date of receipt by the Depositary of the notification of withdrawal,

or

 on such later date as may be specified in the notification of withdrawal. 3. Any **Party** that withdraws from the *Convention* **shall** be **considered** as <u>also having</u> withdrawn from this *Agreement*.

Article 29 Authentic of Agreements .

The **original** of this *Agreement*, of which the

- Arabic,
- Chinese,
- English,
- French,
- Russian and
- Spanish

texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

DONE at Paris this Saturday, 12 December 2015

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed this *Agreement*.

Signature of authorised person
Party Represented

Dictionary

results-based payments
sinks
reservoirs of greenhouse gases
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