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The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decisions 18/CMA.1, 5/CMA.3, 17/CMA.4, 18/CMA.5 and 21/CMA.6,

Also recalling Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, in particular paragraph 14, which states that support shall be provided to developing countries for the implementation of the Article,

Further recalling Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, in particular paragraph 15, which states that support shall also be provided for the building of transparency-related capacity of developing country Parties on a continuous basis,

1. *Notes that, as at x.x.2025, x biennial transparency reports had been submitted, extends appreciation to the Parties that submitted them and encourages Parties that have not yet submitted their first biennial transparency report to do so as soon as possible, taking into consideration paragraph 4 of decision 18/CMA.1;*
2. *Notes with appreciation the synthesis report on progress, best practices and remaining challenges related to implementing the Paris Agreement¹ and welcomes the facilitative dialogue held at sixty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) for discussing the report,² and the workshop, held at the same session, to facilitate the sharing of the experience of developing country Parties in preparing their first biennial transparency reports, including in accessing the funds received and their adequacy for the sustainability of the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework,³ and the in-person workshop held in world café format at the sixty-third session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation for Parties to reflect on those mandated activities and take into account views contained in the submissions⁴ with a view to considering future activities, including a dialogue with the Global Environment Facility, and expresses appreciation to the secretariat for organizing the workshops and the facilitative dialogue and preparing the synthesis report thereon;*
3. *Welcomes the information provided by the Global Environment Facility in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session and its addendum⁵ on financial support requested, approved and provided for the preparation of biennial transparency reports by developing country Parties;*
4. *[Recognizes that, as set out in the synthesis report [and submissions by Parties] referred to in paragraph 2 above, there is a gap between the [amount][support] needed to establish, improve and maintain national reporting systems, including for preparing BTRs, and the [amount][support] provided to developing country Parties under the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;]*
5. *[Notes the existing availability of support for transparency under eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility and [invites developing country Parties to request][encourages developing country Parties to accelerate their efforts to utilize the*

¹ FCCC/SBI/2025/10.

² As per decision 18/CMA.5, para. 19.

³ As per decision 21/CMA.6, para. 16.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 33.

⁵ FCCC/CP/2025/8 and Add.1.

available financial, technical and capacity-building] support to build on and enhance domestic capacity for meeting reporting requirements, including for enhancing national reporting systems within the respective national Governments and other national institutions, as [the majority][some] of the funds available under GEF-8 for the Capacity-building Initiative of Transparency (CBIT), national communications and biennial transparency reports remain available;]

6. *Acknowledges* the ongoing challenges faced by developing country Parties in implementing the ETF, including those related to institutional capacity, technical expertise, data systems and workflows, and resource availability;

7. *Reaffirms*, recalling paragraph 10 of decision 18/CMA.5, the importance of the adequacy, predictability and timeliness of the support provided to developing country Parties, recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), for building and enhancing their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the ETF on a continuous basis and in a sustainable manner;

8. *Highlights* the benefits of a programmatic approach to the provision of support to developing countries for the implementation of the ETF reflected in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and *acknowledges* the progress of the Global Environment Facility in streamlining the process that enables Parties to access resources for preparing their biennial transparency reports, including by enabling them to access resources for two biennial transparency reports and/or a national communication as part of the same enabling activity and raising the threshold for expedited approvals;

9. [*Underscores* the importance of developing country Parties making full use of the financial, technical and capacity-building support available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels for enhancing their capacity to implement the ETF;]

9 *bis*. [*Stresses* the critical importance of the timely submission of applications by developing country Parties for funding under the GEF for preparing BTRs to avoid gaps in the BTR reporting cycle and ensure sustainability of institutional capacity;]

10. [[*Calls upon*][*Urges*] developed country Parties and relevant financial institutions[, as applicable,] to [provide additional financial resources and technical and capacity-building support to developing country Parties aimed at strengthening their institutional and technical capacities to effectively implement the ETF on a continuous basis;] [enhance their provision of financial, technical and capacity-building support to developing country Parties][, in particular the LDCs and SIDS,] for preparing and submitting BTRs and effectively participating in the technical expert review of BTRs and the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress;]

11. [*Invites* the secretariat, in its provision of technical support to developing country Parties, to consider the needs of and give special consideration to the LDCs and SIDS;]

12. [*Encourages* [developing country] Parties to participate in peer-to-peer learning, knowledge exchange, regional collaboration [and South–South cooperation opportunities][, including through existing regional hubs,] with the aim of strengthening national and regional capacity for implementing the ETF;]

13. [*Recognizes* the need to address the challenges developing country Parties face related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, including in relation to establishing or enhancing their institutional capacity and national reporting systems;]

13 *bis*. *Requests* the secretariat to develop and implement, in collaboration with the CGE and other constituted bodies and relevant partners, as appropriate, the following [yearly cycle of activities][initial list of activities over the next [x] years] to support the effective implementation of the ETF by developing country Parties, in accordance with their capacities and national circumstances, including:

(a) [Conducting a survey to gather information from Parties about the benefits and outcomes of and lessons learned, and from the direct actions taken as a result of activities mandated in decisions 18/CMA.5 and 21/CMA.6, and the outcome of the technical expert reviews of the first biennial transparency reports;]

(b) [Summarizing the results of the survey referred to in paragraph 13(a) above in a report with key findings for consideration at SBI 64 (June 2026) with a view to informing the structure and sequence of future activities so as to maximize their reach and effectiveness;]

(c) [Issuing a call for the submission of views by Parties via the submission portal⁶ on experience and challenges related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, including in relation to [a potential list of elements of the first annual cycle];]

(d) [Preparing an annual synthesis report on the submissions referred to in paragraph 13(a) above, as well as on information reported in developing country Parties' BTRs [and experience and lessons learned from the technical expert review of BTRs], to be made available no later than three weeks prior to the first regular SBI session of the year;]

(e) [Organizing a workshop in world café format, to be held at the first regular SBI session of the year, for:

(i) Parties to reflect on the submissions referred to in paragraph 13(a) above and the summary report referred to in paragraph 13(b) above;

(ii) Parties to engage in a structured dialogue with the GEF and its implementing agencies, as appropriate, with a view to simplifying and streamlining the process referred to in paragraph x above;]

(f) [Preparing a summary report on the outcomes of the workshop referred to in paragraph 13(e) above, including possible solutions to challenges identified, to be made available no later than three weeks prior to the first regular SBI session of the year;]

(g) [Organizing regional workshops, to be held [in person] [and] [virtually], on experience, best practices, lessons learned and challenges related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement;]

(g bis) [Preparing summary reports on the outcomes of the regional workshops referred to in paragraph 13(g) above, to be made available no later than three weeks prior to the second regular SBI session of the year;]

(h) [Preparing[, in conjunction with the CGE,] a [summary report][technical paper] on experience, best practices, lessons learned and challenges related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement [identified during regional activities under the joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and the Global Support Programme, for example through its regional transparency networks], to be made available no later than three weeks prior to the first regular SBI session of the year;]

(i) [Organizing a workshop in world café format, to be held at the second regular SBI session of the year, for considering the outcomes of all activities mentioned in paragraph 13(a–h) above with a view to informing the next annual cycle of activities;]

(j) [Assisting the preparation of a one- or two-page summary brief by the co-facilitators for the SBI agenda item on reporting and review pursuant to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement under their own authority, for consideration at the second regular SBI session of the year.]

13 ter. Agrees to consider [future activities to be undertaken by the secretariat in line with the findings in the reports referred to in paragraph 13(b) above with a view to agreeing on a recurring cycle of activities for future bienniums in line with the requirements for biennial transparency reports;] [the annual cycle of activities at SBI x on the basis of the outcomes of the activities in paragraph 13(c–j) above with a view to SBI x agreeing on the next annual cycle of activities;]

14. *Invites* the CGE and relevant institutions to facilitate the provision of technical support for capacity-building with a view to addressing the challenges reflected in the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 2 above pertaining to BTR preparation and the establishment of institutional arrangements, including projections of greenhouse gases, data management tools,

⁶ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

project management tools for the preparation of BTRs, stakeholder engagement, tracking support received, navigating the MPGs, including the flexibility provisions therein, and managing human resources;

15. *Requests* SBI 68 (June 2028) to consider the outcomes of the activities referred to in paragraph x above with a view to recommending a draft decision on this matter, including future activities, as appropriate, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its tenth session (November 2028);

16. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs x and x above;

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