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

Recalling the Paris Agreement, including its Article 2 and 4,

Also recalling decisions 1/CMA.3, 4/CMA.4, 4/CMA.5 and 2/CMA.6,

Further recalling decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 1, in which it was confirmed that the objective of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme shall be to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation in this critical decade in a manner that complements the global stocktake,

Recalling decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 2, in which it was decided that the work programme shall be operationalized through focused exchanges of views, information and ideas, noting that the outcomes of the work programme will be non-prescriptive, non-punitive, facilitative, respectful of national sovereignty and national circumstances, take into account the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions and not impose new targets or goals,

Recognizing the importance of the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking,

Noting the assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that the impacts of climate change will be much lower at a temperature increase of 1.5 °C compared with 2 °C,

Reaffirming the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions,

Recognizing that Parties have different starting points, capacities and national circumstances,

Highlighting the importance of capacity-building support for developing countries,

1. *Welcomes* the appointment of the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme for 2025–2026;
2. *Expresses appreciation* to the co-chairs of the work programme and the secretariat for organizing the two global dialogues and investment-focused events in 2025 and to the experts, facilitators and advisory panel members for their contributions to the dialogues and events;
3. *Also expresses appreciation* to the Governments of Ethiopia and Panama for hosting the global dialogues and investment-focused events in 2025;
4. *Notes* the focused exchange of views, information and ideas during the global dialogues and investment-focused events in 2025 on the topics of enabling mitigation solutions in the forest sector, drawing on national and regional experience, and enabling mitigation solutions in the waste sector, including through circular economy approaches, noting that the topics for the dialogues and events are decided by the co-chairs of the work programme;

5. *[Welcomes the organization of and notes the discussions at the annual high-level ministerial round table on pre-2030 ambition held on 20 November 2025];*

6. *Requests the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the co-chairs of the work programme, future global dialogues and investment-focused events under the work programme in such a manner as to:*

(a) Enhance inclusive, geographically balanced and effective engagement of participants, including virtual participants;

(b) Increase the number of in-person participants from each Party, particularly from developing country Parties;

(c) Enhance a cooperative matchmaking function under the investment-focused events to assist Parties in accessing finance, including grants and concessional loans, including by:

(i) Inviting more multilateral development banks, financial institutions and the private sector to participate in the events;

(ii) Inviting the Climate Technology Centre, the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility to participate in the events;

(iii) Organizing the events in conjunction with other major investment events, while taking into account the need to ensure inclusive and balanced geographical representation of participants;

7. *Invites the Board of the Green Climate Fund and the Council of the Global Environment Facility to consider supporting projects identified in relation to the activities under the work programme in line with their mandates and governing instruments, as appropriate;*

8. *Recalls paragraph 9 of decision 4/CMA.4, in which it was decided that other in-person or hybrid dialogues may be held each year in conjunction with existing events, such as the regional climate weeks, at the discretion of the co-chairs of the work programme with a view to ensuring inclusive and balanced geographical representation at the dialogues;*

9. *Recalls paragraph 13 and 14 of decision 2/CMA.6, referring to the discussion regarding the creation of a digital platform to facilitate implementation of mitigation actions by enhancing collaboration between governments, financiers and other stakeholders in developing investable projects in a country owned and nationally determined manner;*

10. *Calls upon Parties to increase their use of the mitigation measures focus area of the NMA Platform, as appropriate;*

11.

Option1: *Requests the secretariat to prepare a technical paper exploring options for additional functionalities of the NMA Platform for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their sixty-fourth sessions (June 2026);*

Option 2: *Decides that the NMA Platform is to have the following additional features and functionalities:*

(a) Inclusion, in its mitigation measures focus area, of information on projects identified under the work programme and by Parties;

(b) Interconnection, via a hub function, with other platforms, including national platforms (upon request by Parties) and other existing platforms such as those of relevant financial institutions;

11bis. *Requests the secretariat to prepare a technical paper exploring options for the operationalization of the additional functionalities of the NMA Platform referred to in paragraph 11 above;*

12. *Emphasizes* that there is no single solution that fits all contexts; that not all of the opportunities, barriers and actionable solutions in the 2025 report on the work programme¹ are applicable to every national or regional context; and that the prioritization of opportunities and actions to be considered to overcome relevant barriers and challenges will vary in accordance with national circumstances, development priorities and the diverse pathways followed by different countries;

13. *Notes* the key findings, opportunities, barriers and actionable solutions summarized in the 2025 report on the work programme, recognizing that they do not represent an exhaustive summary of all views and regional priorities or the full diversity of national contexts, capacities and challenges including:

(a) In relation to the outcomes of the fifth dialogue on enabling mitigation solutions in the forest sector:

(i) On issue and scale:

a. The critical role of forests, including boreal, temperate and tropical forests, as well as mangroves, as carbon sinks and in enhancing climate resilience, biodiversity, water and food security, and livelihoods; and the importance of efforts to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation by 2030 by addressing the underlying drivers in the context of poverty eradication and sustainable development, as well as food security;

b. The vital role of Indigenous Peoples and the need to support them in the sustainable management and use of forests, as well as the importance of recognizing their land rights and traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, including as a part of long-term mitigation policies;

c. The role of integrated approaches, including alignment of strategies and policies related to forest across the local, national, regional and international level, in strengthening synergies among mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity conservation, combatting desertification, sustainable development and meeting societal needs, as well as the value of strengthening national frameworks and coherence across the Rio Conventions and other multilateral frameworks in order to foster synergies between forest-based mitigation and adaptation action;

d. The importance of sustainable wood use and long-lived wood products in climate change mitigation;

(ii) On drivers and barriers:

a. The recognition of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation at the local, regional and global level, taking into account the need to be mindful of pursuing sustainable development and food security;

b. The need to prevent or address increasing climate-related risks such as wildfires, droughts, pests and diseases, and higher temperatures, including through sustainable and climate-adaptive forest management;

(iii) On opportunities and actionable solutions:

a. The importance of sustainable management of forests, including implementation of sustainable agroforestry approaches and use of sustainable forest products such as timber in alignment with socioeconomic needs;

b. The importance of taking the livelihood needs of communities living in and off the forest into account when implementing land planning policies and sustainable forest management;

c. The importance of nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches, a sustainable and circular bioeconomy, and incentives to forest

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restoration with the respective safeguards to prevent or address unintended consequences or spillovers on biodiversity and society;

d. The importance of international cooperation and access to means of implementation, including finance, technology transfer and capacity-building support, for supporting (1) efforts to implement mitigation actions, including the improvement of data availability for monitoring, measurement, reporting and verification, and (2) efforts to implement forest conservation and restoration policies;

e. The importance of mobilizing finance flows from all sources, including activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, payments for ecosystem services and funding windows dedicated to for Indigenous Peoples and local communities;

(b) In relation to the outcomes of the sixth dialogue on enabling mitigation solutions in the waste sector:

(i) On issue and scale:

a. The importance of considering the social dimensions of the waste sector, including formalizing the role of informal workers and recognizing their and opportunities and challenges;

b. The increase in emissions and negative impacts on public health and well-being due to poor waste management;

(ii) On drivers and barriers:

a. The need to address organic waste (particularly from food loss), solid waste and wastewater, which are the largest sources of methane and nitrous oxide emissions in the waste sector;

b. The challenges in relation to multilevel coordination in aligning national, regional and local actions, and of financial and technical capacity constraints;

(iii) On opportunities and actionable solutions:

a. The co-benefits of waste reduction, management and prevention, including reduction of methane emissions and benefits related to human health, job creation, poverty eradication and sustainable development;

b. The importance of integrating circular economy approaches into value chains across sectors with the aim of systemically transforming economic systems and transitioning to sustainable lifestyles and sustainable consumption and production patterns, beyond conventional recycling;

c. The important role of multi-stakeholder engagement and multilevel governance in (1) ensuring coherence in policies, incentives and regulatory frameworks pertaining to reuse, recycling, waste collection and waste separation, particularly the minimization of organic waste and landfill waste disposal, and (2) public engagement in promoting sustainable lifestyles through education, initiatives and community-driven circular economy models;

d. The potential of innovation in reuse, recycling and waste collection and segregation, comprehensive digital tracking systems connecting waste generators to collectors and recyclers, and waste-to-energy technologies;

e. The role of methane recovery and utilization;

f. The opportunities arising from integrating waste management into other policies, including those relating to climate, circular economy, sanitation, agriculture and sustainable development;

g. The role of international cooperation, including knowledge exchange, in overcoming barriers, supporting standards harmonization and enabling economies of scale across countries;

h. The importance of international cooperation and access to means of implementation, including finance, technology transfer and capacity-building support, for supporting efforts to implement mitigation actions, including capacity-building for developing country Parties to strengthen data collection, measurement, reporting and verification systems, recycling infrastructure and investment-readiness of projects in the waste sector;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of decision 4/CMA.4, in which it was decided that implementation of the work programme will continue until the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2026) with a view to adopting a decision on the continuation of the work programme at that session;

15. *Invites* Parties, observers and other stakeholders to submit via the submission portal²

Option1: by 15 April 2026

Option2: by 1 August 2026

views on opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions, challenges and barriers relevant to the functioning the work programme, noting that the work programme shall be operationalized through the focused exchange of views, information and ideas, and noting that the outcomes of the work programme will be non-prescriptive, non-punitive, facilitative, respectful of national sovereignty and national circumstances, take into account the nationally determined nature of nationally determined contributions and not impose new targets or goals;

15bis. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis of the submissions referred to in paragraph 15 above with a view to an exchange of views at

Option1: the sixty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies

Option2: the sixty-fifth sessions of the subsidiary bodies

, noting that that the synthesis does not prejudice the outcomes of discussions on the continuation of the work programme at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of decision 4/CMA.4 and *encourages* Parties, observers and other stakeholders to submit via the submission portal by 1 February 2026 suggested topics in line with the scope of the work programme to be discussed at the global dialogues in 2026;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of decision 4/CMA.4, in which it was decided that the co-chairs of the work programme, considering the submissions referred to in paragraph 16 above, will decide on and communicate by 1 March 2026 the topics to be discussed at each dialogue in 2026, and paragraph 8 of decision 4/CMA.5, in which it was noted that successive global dialogues should cover different topics;

18. *Also recalls* paragraph 14 of decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 9 of decision 4/CMA.5 and paragraph 10 of decision 2/CMA.6 and *encourages* Parties, observers and other stakeholders to submit views on opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions, challenges and barriers relevant to the topic of each dialogue via the submission portal four weeks before each dialogue;

19. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 7 and 11 above;

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

² <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.