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Opening statements

The forty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)

Bonn, 8 May 2017

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the European Union and its 28 Member States.

It is our great pleasure to meet again here in Bonn. We have a very full SBI agenda, and it is our task to advance negotiations on the on-going implementation of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol, as well as the implementation of the work programme for the Paris Agreement.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the items under the SBI agenda that are of particular importance for us.

Transparency is the backbone to the international climate regime and to the overall credibility of Parties' efforts. Therefore, we consider the Multilateral Assessment and the Facilitative Sharing of Views as key issues. We are looking forward to have an open and constructive exchange in both of these processes. We should consider the positive experiences for the future common facilitative multilateral consideration of progress also under the Paris Agreement.

The SBI is also tasked with the development of certain areas of the Paris work programme. We are looking forward to continuing discussions on the periodic assessment of the technology mechanism and the forum on response measures. We also look forward to continuing technical discussions on the registry for NDCs and registry for Adaptation Communications, noting that these items are intricately linked to ongoing discussions under the APA.

Technology Development and Transfer is important to reach the mitigation and adaptation objectives of the Paris Agreement. We made good progress on the elaboration of the Technology Framework at COP22. The Periodic Assessment of the Technology Mechanism offers the opportunity to analyse the activities for technology development and transfer and to consider the impact of the Technology Mechanism on achieving the transformational changes as envisioned by the Paris Agreement. The EU has confidence in the work of the TEC and the CTCN. As largest group of donors, the EU has a strong interest in impact of the operations and the efficiency of the work.

Capacity building is crucial for the implementation of the nationally determined contributions, for this reason, we are very pleased that the first meeting of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building, that will take place here in Bonn, will focus specifically on this topic.

We are also eager to continue discussions with our partners on how to further progress with adaptation action, including through national adaptation planning processes.

Much work is ahead of us during these two weeks to prepare decisions on the UNFCCC budget for the years 2018 and 2019. In our view, the support to the intergovernmental process remains the core function of the Secretariat and the budget programme should be designed to maximize transparency, efficiency and cost-savings. The proper functioning of the Secretariat is key for the development and implementation of the rule book of the Paris Agreement and we urge all Parties to provide their full contributions, to ensure the adequate resourcing of the Secretariat, in a timely manner. The UNFCCC contribution to the IPCC should be ensured as its reports are the main scientific basis for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Finally, the EU is eager to participate in the workshops and events mandated for this session. Of special importance to us are the 5th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment, the workshop on gender action plan and the workshop on opportunities to further enhance the effective engagement of non-Party stakeholders. The EU considers that non-Party stakeholders have an important role to play in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and its long term goals, which is why further exchanges on the best possible ways to facilitate and enhance the role of non-Party stakeholders are paramount.

Mr Chair, dear colleagues, the EU is prepared to engage in the discussions and work hard in order to reach substantial progress here in Bonn in enhancing the implementation of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol as well as in fulfilling the mandates stemming out from the Paris work programme.

Thank you, Mr Chair.

The forty-sixth session of the of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

Bonn, 8 May 2017

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the European Union and its 28 Member States. It is our great pleasure to meet again here in Bonn. This year we will meet again discussing scientific, technological and methodological topics for the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and issues originating from the Paris Agreement and the implementing Decisions.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the items under SBTA agenda that are of particular importance for us.

For the EU, the new Technology Framework is important to enhance the coherence among the different means of implementation and to build on the cross-cutting role of technology development and transfer to reach the mitigation and adaptation objectives of the Paris Agreement. We made good progress on the elaboration of the Technology Framework at COP22. The second round of submissions has been helpful to elaborate the principles and structure at SBSTA 46. It is important for the EU to enhance synergies and to prevent any 'thematic' silos. We see a chance in the framework to capture 'real' experiences made in the public and private sector.

We are looking forward to get good progress on the matters related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

Under Article 6.2, the EU wants to focus on building a common understanding of the elements of the guidance and how to frame it to encourage agreement by 2018. In our view we should focus on accounting during this session, but we are also willing to engage constructively on how 'to ensure environmental integrity and promote sustainable development' in order to see how Parties see these concepts in practice.

For the mechanism established by Article 6.4 we expect to deepen mutual understanding of Parties' views regarding the options for its operationalisation, on the basis of the submissions posted by Parties.

For the framework for non-market approaches we want to work toward finding agreement on a list of UNFCCC non-market approaches, taken into consideration the 'aims' from Article 6.8. We are also willing to start to identify linkages, synergies, coordination and implementation already occurring between those instruments and some positive experiences.

With regards to Agriculture, the EU is motivated to work with other Parties to achieve a positive outcome here in Bonn.

Mr. Chair, dear colleagues, the EU is prepared to engage in the discussions and work hard towards reaching substantial progress, aiming also to enhance the implementation of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol as well as in fulfilling the mandates stemming out from the Paris work programme.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Item 8f of the forty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

Bonn, 8 May 2017

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues,

This statement is delivered on behalf of the European Union and its 28 Member States.

We welcome the efforts made by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in addressing international transport's greenhouse gas emissions. The adoption of a mandatory fuel consumption data collection system at MEPC70 and the agreement on a roadmap for developing a Comprehensive IMO strategy on the reduction of GHG emissions from ships, which should result in the adoption of an initial GHG strategy in 2018, as well as the adoption of the Carbon Offset and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), at the ICAO Assembly in October 2016 are important first steps towards the mitigation of GHG emissions from international maritime transport and international aviation.

Together both sectors account for almost 5% of global CO2 emissions and we are concerned by the expected strong emission growth of these sectors. In the Paris Agreement, Parties set ambitious temperature goals and agreed to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century. All economic sectors, including international aviation and maritime transport have to contribute fairly to attaining these goals. Any sector that fails to reduce its emissions puts the global effort to combat climate change at risk. Robust and adequate action should be not delayed.

We therefore encourage Parties to bring the spirit of Paris to ICAO and IMO to enhance efforts for addressing and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from international aviation and maritime transport. In that sense, the EU is committed to cooperating in the operationalization of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) under ICAO, and looks forward to the completion of ICAO negotiations on robust implementing rules, including on the application of the Emission Unit Criteria, MRV and registry, in a way that ensures environmental integrity and avoids double claiming of emission reductions under ICAO and UNFCCC, leading to a successful start of CORSIA in 2021. We also see the need to work on a long term goal for international aviation in ICAO, consistent with the long-term temperature goal under the Paris Agreement. We also encourage Parties to participate in the CORSIA from the outset and to establish additional instruments to address domestic aviation emissions.

Under IMO, we are looking forward to the first session of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships this June and to the discussions at the MEPC71 in July. We hope these meetings will bring significant progress on the development of the initial GHG strategy to be adopted in 2018. The EU believes this GHG strategy needs to be based on an ambitious emissions reduction objective in line with the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement and that the GHG strategy which is to be adopted in 2023 should contain a short-, mid- and long-term measures to reduce GHG emissions, with the initial strategy containing candidate measures to this end.

All policies adopted under ICAO and IMO should allow for increasing ambition over time to achieve absolute emission reductions as soon as possible. Furthermore, both sectors' emissions as well as efforts undertaken should be taken into account during the global stocktake under article 14 of the Paris Agreement.

Mr Chair, we stand ready to cooperate with other Parties in working through ICAO and IMO, with a view to lowering international civil aviation and maritime emissions and those sectors' impact on our climate. Thank you.

APA 1-3

Bonn, 8 May 2017

Co-Chairs, distinguished delegates,

This statement is delivered on behalf of the European Union and its 28 Member States.

The APA has a key role to play in delivering on the Paris work programme by 2018 as agreed in Marrakech. We are happy with the constructive spirit with which we have worked so far, both in session and between sessions. The workshops and roundtables in particular are proving to be very useful in advancing our technical understanding. We look forward to intensive and productive time here in Bonn.

We as Parties have a very challenging task ahead. We should remain focused, constructive, and true to the letter and spirit of the Paris Agreement.

We look to the continued leadership of APA Co-Chairs and co-facilitators to guide and structure our work. We also commend them for liaising closely with COP Presidencies and the chairs of the subsidiary and constituted bodies to help ensure a coherent process and outcomes.

It is essential that we make good progress here under each agenda item. We need to start moving beyond conceptual discussions and towards specific solutions. We think we should work intensely in Bonn towards leaving COP23 with elements of draft text on all issues. To achieve this, we should remember each item is different and has to be treated in a tailored way.

Under APA3 on mitigation, it is important that we give sufficient space to accounting, accompanying information, and features. This will enable us to engage in the focussed discussions needed to produce the guidance that will assist Parties in preparing their next NDCs. We have had good exchanges at the roundtable on 6 May and hope to make good use of the better understandings gained there to focus our ongoing work.

Under APA4 on adaptation communications, we should build on the good discussions from the workshop we had on 6 May and continue developing further our shared understanding on the purpose and the common elements for the guidance of the adaptation communications.

Under APA5 on transparency, it is essential that our technical discussions accelerate, and we believe this session must bring agreement on a draft structure and components of the common modalities, procedures and guidelines. We will be greatly helped by the outcomes of the March workshop.

Under APA6 on the global stocktake, we need to deepen our understanding of commonalities and divergences among Parties, and perhaps start discussing on the basis of a high level elements text that co-facilitators could suggest.

Under APA7 on the Article 15 Committee, we have a lot to discuss based on the rich submissions Parties have made, and more technical work is necessary on specifics of modalities and procedures.

Under APA8, we wish to make headway on the discussions on the Adaptation Fund. In line with Decision 1/CP.22, discussions need to focus on governance and institutional arrangements, safeguards and operating modalities for the Adaptation Fund to serve the Paris Agreement.

We have a lot on our table, a clear mandate, and an important deadline in 2018. We will put all of our efforts into that mandate, and continue to believe work on any additional items should not be our priority.

We look forward to good cooperation with all Parties and hope to leave this session with solid progress on substance and a clear way forward on the way to COP23, in the same way as the APA concluded in Marrakech.

Thank you, co-Chairs.

Closing statements

The forty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)

Bonn, 18 May 2017

Mr. Chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends.

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the European Union and its 28 Member States.

The EU acknowledges the important work done during these past two weeks. Even though we had a full SBI agenda we made considerable progress on most items.

Thus let me highlight some of the results of this session:

We have had positive and valuable discussions under the multilateral assessment and facilitative sharing of views. We are pleased that the sessions were organised in a way that allowed this rich dialogue.

We have held constructive discussions on important technical aspects of the NDC registry and look forward to submitting our views on these, in order to assist the development of the registry's modalities and procedures.

We also appreciate the discussion on the technical design and functionality of the registry for adaptation communications, and the opportunity to share views on its modalities and procedures in the forthcoming submissions.

With regard to the budget, we are happy to have reached an agreement on the programme budget for biennium 2018-2019 as well as on the budget for International Transaction Log. We look forward to continue working with everyone in order to make the budget process transparent and more efficient. In accordance with common practice we expect that what has been agreed here will be adhered to at COP 23.

The EU welcomes the good progress made on the elaboration to the scope and modalities of the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism.

We appreciate the positive spirit and rich discussions among Parties and stakeholders in the 6th Durban Forum on Capacity Building. Additionally, the EU congratulates the Paris Committee on Capacity Building on completing its first meeting here in Bonn. Parties could unfortunately not reach an agreement on the 4th review of the capacity building framework for economies in transition. The EU is willing to engage in a positive spirit on the further deliberations of this agenda item. We were encouraged by the rich exchange of experiences, ideas, good practices and lessons learned at the 5th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment and look forward to the negotiations at SBI47 with a view to further enhancing actions under Article 12 of the Paris Agreement.

We value the result on the item on Arrangements for Intergovernmental meetings. For the EU it is very important to have the maximum time available during COP23 to make progress on the work programme stemming from the Paris Agreement. The EU highly appreciates the added value non-Party stakeholders bring to the UNFCCC and to national implementation and looks forward to the implementation of the positive recommendations on enhancing their role. We also reiterate in this context that the EU supports adequate involvement of non-party stakeholders in the work programme and will seek to continue enhancing their role in the APA.

Furthermore, in this session we had good exchanges in the Technical Expert Meetings (TEMs) and we are encouraged by the many success stories and examples shared. Going forward it will be important to assess how we can improve the effectiveness of the future TEMs, as part of the assessment of the Technical Expert Processes at COP23.

We note with regret that no progress was achieved in scope of the review of the modalities and procedures of the CDM. The EU is of the view that the CDM will be replaced by the mechanism established under Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement, and that only a comprehensive revision of the CDM rule set may serve as input to Parties' deliberations on the set up of the Article 6.4 Mechanism to be operational post 2020.

Mr. Chair, dear colleagues, the EU welcomes the meaningful results achieved during the session, however, a number of discussions will continue during our next sessions. We look forward to seeing you all here again in Bonn during COP23 to continue our work.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The forty-sixth session of the of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

Bonn, 18 May 2017

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the European Union and its 28 Member States.

The SBSTA has worked intensely, and we have collectively done our part in taking forward the technical work in a spirit of cooperation and compromise.

The European Union wishes to highlight the main results from this session, which are of central importance to us:

The outcome on Article 6 on markets and non-markets reflects a delicate balance and involved concessions by all Parties. We appreciated the constructive discussions during the roundtable, but have concerns with the limited progress and the exclusion of observers. However, we look forward to future submissions and roundtable discussions, and view this as an opportunity for progress in the next meeting.

With regard to the technology framework, we welcome the progress made so far, particularly on reaching agreement on the principles of the framework. We have also come to a better understanding about the actual content of the future framework and will continue the elaboration during the next session.

Significant progress has been made in clearly identifying elements to be considered for the development of accounting modalities for financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions. The EU looks forward in further engaging with our negotiation partners at the COP to advance this crucial aspect of transparency of support.

The European Union is pleased that for the first time, Parties were able to discuss the substance of the workshops on agriculture which took place in the past years. Together, they have identified elements for further discussion that could be carried forward for implementation or to be further analysed by the SBSTA.

Whilst we were hopeful to achieve an agreement on a concrete way forward towards a decision on agriculture, we are convinced that the exchange captured in the co-facilitators note is a good and constructive base to ensure substantive discussions during the next SBSTA session.

The EU welcomes the outcome of the discussions on Research and Systematic Observation, emphasizing the importance of the work of the scientific community and the IPCC in support of strengthening the global response to climate change. During the Research Dialogue, we appreciated the exchange between Parties, scientists, and representatives of research organizations.

The EU looks forward to consider the scope of the next Periodic Review in June 2019, with a view to ensure that this review is conducted in an effective and efficient manner and avoiding duplication of work.

The EU welcomed SBSTA's agreement to extend the programmes for training of review experts for national greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications.

The EU is very pleased with the constructive engagement of representatives of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples organisations and Parties in the Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on the Platform. We look forward to discussing the operationalisation of the platform at SB47 on the basis of the report of this dialogue.

Mr Chair, dear colleagues, the EU is happy that we could conclude this session with meaningful results. We are looking forward to continue working on SBSTA topics until and during SBSTA 47 in a positive and cooperative manner.

Thank you, Mr Chair.

APA 1-3

Bonn, 18 May 2017

Co-Chairs, distinguished delegates,

This statement is delivered on behalf of the European Union and its 28 Member States.

We all know that the balance of our global climate regime is drawing closer to a tipping point. The window of opportunity to get us to an emissions pathway compatible with our goals will not remain open much longer. On the other hand, we welcome the continued global wave of ratifications, and we would like to congratulate Nigeria who has just become the 146th [one-hundred-and-forty-sixth] Party.

This should encourage us to be focused, determined, and business-like. Our task as negotiators under the APA is to deliver a key part of a solid technical package fully implementing the Paris Agreement by 2018.

Our technical experts have worked well in this session and in the pre-session events to that end. We benefited from the able and committed guidance of our co-Chairs and co-facilitators who have our gratitude and encouragement. We think we have understood our positions better and laid down foundations for structuring our future exchanges and capturing elements of text.

We made particularly good progress on transparency, both of action and support. In addition, we recall that transparency of support has also made good progress in work mandated outside of the APA, for instance regarding accounting modalities for financial resources. We are also happy with good technical discussions on the issue of the Adaptation Fund.

Progress has not been even or fully satisfactory under all agenda items. There are different understandings of what we agreed in Paris, in particular on the global stocktake. But we remain keen to make maximum progress under all items.

The discussions we have had about the organisation of inter-session work also highlight some of our differences. All of our experts have demonstrated their goodwill and ability to move work ahead. We should avoid micromanaging or politicising expert work whilst ensuring that all issues are fully dealt with, including those handled in the other subsidiary bodies.

We are steadfast supporters of this process and we will be reflecting on how to approach the organisation of work. Intersessional work only makes sense if it moves us forward.

We also reiterate in this context that the EU supports the adequate involvement of non-party stakeholders and will seek to continue to enhance their role in the APA, as we all agreed in SBI.

Meanwhile, we look forward to reading all Parties' submissions on all relevant items in the coming months, and are keen to make solid progress in November towards a key milestone under the Fijian Presidency.

Thank you, co-Chairs.