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Please find attached for information the statements delivered on behalf of the European Union and its Member States at the abovementioned APA and SBs session.

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia have associated themselves with these statements.

Statement at the opening Plenary Session of the forty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 44) and Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 44), the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA 1)

Bonn, 16 May 2016

Dear COP Presidents, Madam Executive Secretary, Distinguished Colleagues, Dear Friends,

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

It is a pleasure to meet you here again in Bonn. This beautiful place became very familiar to all of us last year, as we spent intensive weeks here preparing for Paris in the summer and autumn.

We are starting our work here having agreed a solid, balanced and ambitious global action plan in Paris. It will put us on track to keep global warming well below 2°C while pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees, and strengthen our ability to prepare for and deal with the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

Last month's signing ceremony in New York, where 175 Parties set a new record for the most first-day signatures to an international agreement, underlined the global political commitment to fighting climate change.

The Paris outcome is a robust basis to move to a low emission climate resilient global economy and to achieve our long term goals. The Agreement and the Paris COP decision, over 180 INDCs, and the groundswell of climate action showcased by the Lima Paris Action Agenda are key elements of this balanced package.

As the Presidents mentioned in their Reflections Note, we now have the responsibility to maintain that 'spirit of Paris' and momentum arising from COP21.

That will be crucial as we start elaborating the details of the Agreement and delivering on the ambitious work programme we agreed in Paris. The EU is fully committed to implementing all aspects of the Paris outcome.

Our job over the next two weeks is to start putting some flesh on the bones of the Agreement and prepare the ground for a successful outcome of COP22 in Marrakesh.

The Paris work programme sets out specific deliverables for COP22: there is the pre-2020 Facilitative Dialogue, the Action Agenda High Level Event, the Climate Finance Ministerial, the terms of reference of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building, the report from the GEF on the Capacity Building Initiative on Transparency, the ICA and IAR processes and the review of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss & Damage.

On top of that, to maintain the spirit of Paris, and as pointed out by the Presidencies, here too we need to see progress on all aspects of the Paris work programme this year.

A key aspect of this work is taking place back home: making progress towards INDC implementation, by investing in further clarification and understanding of policies necessary to achieve INDCs, and in supporting the process and constituencies that led to them. In Europe, we are already adapting our climate legislation to deliver on our 2030 target and are keen to share our experiences with our partners worldwide.

There is also a lot of work to be done to make sure that countries can have improved access to the support available.

Furthermore we must ensure that the INDCs are fully integrated in the broader national planning and strategies to be developed in to bankable projects.

In parallel, we must continue efforts to step up the ambition of international climate action before 2020. This will play an essential part in achieving our long-term temperature goal under the Paris Agreement. In this context we welcome the follow-up dialogues on opportunities for scaling up renewable energy and increasing energy efficiency in urban environments here in Bonn. And we look forward to the first technical expert meetings on adaptation as well as the two on mitigation and the Climate Fair.

In the negotiating rooms, we need to start developing the details of the ambition mechanism, including the global stocktakes and the 2018 Facilitative Dialogue. We have to make progress on transparency and accounting, relating to mitigation, adaptation, and support. And we need progress on the composition and timing of the Taskforce on international displacement. This promises to be a busy session.

The balance of the Paris outcome has solved many questions that kept us occupied over the long years of negotiations. Our task now is to take forward this great achievement and deliver, in a way that is both determined and serene, on all the elements of the package.

We have confidence that the Presidencies and all the Parties in this room are as keen as we are to keep the momentum of Paris alive – and get down to the substantive work here in Bonn.

The forty-fourth session of the of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

Opening statement

Bonn, 17 May 2016

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

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

First of all let me congratulate you as the new – and at the same time experienced – SBI chair. We very much look forward to working with you.

This is the first UNFCCC meeting after the Paris COP. The COP in Paris was a huge success and the SBI delivered its share in this success, with excellent results under huge time pressure.

Now we have two tasks ahead of us: the ongoing implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto-Protocol as well as the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Balanced progress is necessary regarding both of these tasks. The EU therefore supports measures of close cooperation between the chairs of all groups and tracks. The EU would also like to encourage you to continue to apply the same time saving measures as in the past, which enabled us to work more efficiently and effectively.

The following issues under the SBI are of **particular importance** for us:

For the implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures, **capacity building** is where we achieved significant progress in Paris. We look forward to the negotiations of the modalities for the new Paris Committee on Capacity Building in the context of the **third review** of implementation of the **framework for capacity-building**.

We are also looking forward to the **first facilitative sharing of views** under the international consultation and analysis process. We hope that this will be similar to the open and constructive exchange under the IAR. The EU would very much welcome the **consideration of the item on information contained in national communications from Parties not included in Annex I** to the Convention. In addition, we hope that we can advance substantially with the **revision of reporting guidelines** for Annex I national communications.

Another important feature of the Paris Agreement is the **NDC registry**. As part of the work programme agreed in Paris, we would welcome **work on the development of modalities and procedures** to be launched here in Bonn. At the same time we need to maintain **consistency** between this work under the SBI and the development of NDC guidance under the APA.

The next **periodic review** of the adequacy of the long-term global goal under the Convention has to be seen in the **context of the 2013 to 2015 review** that we have just concluded in Paris, as well as in the context of the **Paris Agreement**. This is especially valid for the agreement reached on the **long term goals** and the establishment of the **Global Stocktake**. We should **thoroughly review** our thinking on both processes in order to make them as **efficient** as possible and **avoid duplication**.

The Paris Agreement has confirmed what we have been discussing for a long time: **adaptation** and mitigation stand on an **equal footing**. We are eager to continue our discussions on adaptation and adaptation action with our partners.

Mr Chair,

Now that we have clear decisions on the **future use of market mechanisms under Article 6** of the Paris Agreement, we are well placed to conclude our discussions on **market mechanisms under SBI**.

Technology cooperation between all Parties can accelerate the transfer of low carbon and climate resilient technologies. The periodic **assessment of the Technology Mechanism** – taking into account the review of the CTCN and the modalities for the Global Stocktake – provides us with the opportunity to enhance the important work of both arms of the Technology Mechanism.

Finally the EU sees great importance in the continued implementation of measures to **enhance climate empowerment**, as well as enhancing the **gender equality and full participation of women** within the UNFCCC and integrating a **gender responsive** approach in climate action and plans.

Mr Chair, dear colleagues, the EU is prepared to **work intensely** and **efficiently** to enhance the implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto-Protocol, and to fulfil the mandates given by the Paris Agreement and decisions.

Closing statement

Bonn, 26 May 2016

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

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

The SBI has worked intensely during this first meeting after the Paris COP. Overall we have **collectively** done our part in taking forward its critical technical work regarding two important areas: the **ongoing implementation** of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol as well as the **implementation of the Paris Agreement**. We proceeded with our work in a **spirit** that is influenced strongly by the “**esprit de Paris**” with a great amount of professionalism and cooperation.

I would like to highlight the following results from this week:

We had a very constructive **first facilitative sharing of views** under the international consultation and analysis process for developing countries Parties. As with the IAR, it was an **open and constructive exchange** and it provided for ample learning opportunities. The EU is also pleased that we were able to advance substantially with the **revision of reporting guidelines** for Annex I National Communications, for which we will hopefully be able to adopt a decision in Marrakesh.

Capacity building is key for the implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures. After intense negotiations we have finalised the modalities for the new **Paris Committee on Capacity Building**. We will continue with the discussion on the **third review** of implementation of the framework for capacity-building at our next meeting. By agreeing the terms of reference of this Committee we have enabled the start of its work in 2017. This progress can constitute an important **deliverable** in Marrakesh.

We thank our partners for the constructive discussions on **national adaptation planning** and we are looking forward to the **promising work by the LEG** in accordance with its new mandates from Paris. On the **adaptation registry**, we had an initial exchange of ideas but further discussions are definitely needed.

Another important feature of the Paris Agreement is the **NDC registry**. We see the registry as an important **tool for transparency and overview of NDCs**. It can help make all our plans and actions visible to the public. We kick-started discussions on the registry here in Bonn, but were unfortunately not able to go into the substance of the matter. We hope that we will be tackling that discussion in Marrakesh.

Now as we have clear decisions on the **future use of the important instrument of market mechanisms in** the Paris Agreement, we are well placed to conclude our discussions on **market mechanisms under SBI**. For Joint Implementation, we appreciate that we could conclude the review of modalities and procedures. For the review of the CDM, we need to continue our discussion in Marrakesh and hope to conclude that issue there. On the opposite we are disappointed that we could not close the agenda item on the appeals process and hope that we can do so at SBI 45.

On the issue of loss and damage we thank the Moroccan Presidency for the informal space they provided to start the discussion on the review of the **Warsaw international mechanism**.

Regarding the organization of our negotiation process, the EU is very pleased with the agreement to hold an in-session workshop next year so as to further increase **involvement of observer organizations** in the implementation of Paris Agreement. This is in line with our wish to use the UNFCCC as a place to showcase and strengthen climate action.

Positively this session had a strong focus on **showcasing action on the ground**, which constitutes a tangible proof that the transition to the climate resilient, low-emission economy is underway. We have had useful exchanges on concrete options in the **TEMs on Mitigation and Adaptation**. We especially welcome the engagement of all stakeholders in the first ever TEM on adaptation.

On the issue of **Response Measures** we welcome the agreement reached on implementing the work program under the Response Measures Forum.

And last but not least we welcome the constructive engagement of all parties in the discussions on **Action for Climate Empowerment** and the agreement on the draft decision on the review of the Doha work Programme on Action for Climate Empowerment to be adopted at COP 22. We also welcome the conclusions supporting the continuation of the **Lima work programme on Gender** and look forward to adopting a decision in Marrakesh.

Mr Chair, dear colleagues, the EU is happy that we could conclude this session with **meaningful results**. However, a number of discussions will continue at our next session. We are looking forward to further work at SBI 45 in Marrakesh and to continuing our good cooperation. Thank you Mr Chair.

The forty-fourth session of the of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

Opening statement

Bonn, 16 May 2016

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

I have the privilege to deliver this statement on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

First of all let me congratulate you as the new SBSTA chair. We very much look forward to working with you.

This is the first UNFCCC meeting after the Paris COP. The COP in Paris was a huge success and the SBSTA delivered its share in this success, with excellent results under huge time pressure.

We now have two tasks ahead of us: the ongoing implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto-Protocol as well as the implementation of the Paris Agreement. **Balanced progress** is necessary regarding both of these tasks. The EU therefore supports measures of close cooperation between the chairs of all groups and tracks. The EU would also like to encourage you to continue to apply the same time saving measures as in the past, which enabled us to work more efficiently and effectively.

Let me highlight some of the issues under the SBSTA that are of particular importance to the EU:

To start with, the design of the **Technology Framework** of the Paris Agreement. This Framework should underline the cross-sectorial role of technology development and transfer under the UNFCCC. It should also enhance the coherence between the Technology Needs Assessments and their uptake as well as the implementation of INDCs. In our view this new Technology Framework should be as lean as possible and requires no additional institutional arrangements.

This session is also the first opportunity to discuss the details of the scientific aspects of the **Global Stocktake**. We need to set the strategic direction for this element of the Paris Agreement and inform the scoping of the Sixth Assessment Report in 2017. Based on an exchange of the views on how current and future IPCC assessments, as well as other relevant information sources, can support the Global Stocktake, we are looking forward to working with other Parties to come to substantive conclusions at the next session in Marrakesh.

Another new item is related to article 6 of the Paris Agreement. This article holds three topics of a different nature: **accounting for internationally transferred mitigation outcomes**; rules, modalities and procedures for the **new sustainable development mechanism**; and **non-market approaches**. We hope to achieve progress on all three items. It is important to ensure coherence between this work and related items on the APA agenda, such as the enhanced transparency framework. Given the wider scope and cross-cutting nature of the non-market approaches, this item deserves to be treated individually.

Mr Chair,

The EU is looking forward to taking up the discussion on **common metrics** under APA agenda item 3 on NDCs, while working with Parties to finalise the work on the SBSTA items.

Finally, this session will be crucial in getting first insights into Parties' views on **accounting of financial resources**. It is important that accounting modalities for financial resources can be integrated into the framework for transparency of support, which would require a tandem approach between SBSTA and APA. For the EU it is key to recognize the work already done outside the UNFCCC and to build upon this, to avoid repetition of work.

Mr Chair, dear colleagues, the EU is prepared to **work intensely** and **efficiently** to enhance the implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto-Protocol, and to fulfil the mandates given by the Paris Agreement and decisions.

Item 8c of the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

Bonn, 17 May 2016

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues,

This statement is delivered on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

We welcome the efforts made by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in addressing international transport greenhouse gas emissions, particularly the agreement on a global data collections system at MEPC69 as a first step towards mitigation of GHG emissions from international shipping and the progress made last week at ICAO's high level meeting towards the adoption of a global market-based mechanism (GMBM) at the Assembly later this year.

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 further address and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from international aviation and maritime transport. Under ICAO we aim at a GMBM which ensures environmental integrity and avoids double counting of emission reductions under ICAO and UNFCCC. Under IMO we support the development of a method to establish the fair share to global mitigation efforts as a second step towards effectively reducing the sector's emissions. All policies adopted under ICAO and IMO should allow for increasing ambition over time, in the same spirit as agreed for NDCs under the Paris Agreement, and should feed into and be taking into account during the global stocktake.

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 climate. Thank you.

The forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

Closing statement

Bonn, 26 May 2016

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

I have the privilege to deliver this statement on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

The SBSTA has worked efficiently and effectively over these 10 days and has made substantive progress in a number of items dealing with the ongoing implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol as well as with the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The EU is looking forward to the implementation of the substantive conclusions that have been agreed under the **Nairobi Work Programme**. This well received outcome indicates that there is a significant need for Parties to exchange experiences and to share information and knowledge to inform and support future adaptation policies and practices.

Technology development and transfer are important to the implementation of the Paris Agreement. For the EU, the **new Technology Framework** under the Paris Agreement should underline the cross-sectorial role of technology under the UNFCCC and develop synergies with initiatives outside the Convention. The first discussion on the structure and the focus of the Technology Framework of the Paris Agreement showed pragmatic engagement of Parties and was productive. The initial compilation of Parties' views is a good basis to prepare the submissions until September 2016.

The EU appreciated the positive, open and constructive spirit of work during the two **agriculture** workshops. The EU thanks the UNFCCC Secretariat for providing Parties with excellent reports on the workshops so far and we look forward to the reports later this year. We are also looking forward to working constructively in future agriculture sessions during COP22 in Marrakesh and beyond.

The EU highly valued the **Research Dialogue** between the Parties and research programmes and organisations. These exchanges are important for the work of the SBSTA, and we look forward to their continuation as our work progresses.

The EU also appreciated the special event organised by the SBSTA and IPCC chairs and the rich exchange of information that took place. The EU believes that the **IPCC** should be the key scientific input into the **Global Stocktake**. We look forward to submissions by Parties and observer organization on how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the Global Stocktake, and to further discussion on this topic in Marrakesh.

We welcome the agreement reached on implementing the work program for the improved **Response Measures** forum and terms of reference for ad hoc technical expert groups, as well as the invitation for submissions on views on the forum under the Paris Agreement.

Recalling the significance of projected growth of **emissions from international aviation and maritime transport**, we emphasize the importance of reaching an agreement on an effective global market-based measure at the 2016 ICAO Assembly in order to achieve carbon neutral growth from 2020 as a first step, in line with the long-term goal agreed in Paris.

Regarding **Article 6 of the Paris Agreement**, Parties engaged constructively in discussions on submission of views on the future work. Unfortunately we could only conclude on an unguided call for submissions, without reference to technical work or workshops. We hoped to reach more progress here in this meeting, as we consider that the three work programmes established article 6 require a considerable amount of technical work to improve our common understanding and to deliver on time for CMA1. We look forward to more substantive outcomes in Marrakech.

We welcome the progress made on the development of **modalities for the accounting of financial resources** provided and mobilized through public interventions and look forward to the submissions by Parties and observer organizations as input for further work in the next meeting and the in-session workshop in Marrakesh.

Mr Chair, dear colleagues, the EU is happy that we could conclude this session with meaningful results. However, a number of discussions will have to continue at our next session. We are looking forward to further work at SBSTA 45 in Marrakesh and to continuing our good cooperation.

The first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement

Opening statement

Bonn, 17 May 2016

Madam Executive Secretary,
Dear Co-Chairs, Distinguished Colleagues, Dear Friends,

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

We meet for the first time since COP21. It is worth taking a moment to pause and reflect on what we achieved by working together in a spirit of respect, cooperation and a willingness to find solutions to difficult issues. The Paris Agreement, related decision and over 180 countries coming forward with proposed NDCs together represent a truly historical and ambitious outcome in all areas and provides a solid basis to move to a low emission climate resilient global economy.

However while the Paris outcome is a solid and ambitious basis, it is only a basis. In many ways our work will only start now. It will be critical for all Parties to prepare for the implementation of their NDCs, and also to complete the domestic processes to enable them to join the Paris Agreement. The EU has started its work in both respects. We welcome the fact that 177 countries have signed the Paris Agreement and that 16 countries have already ratified it.

The Secretariat's March list of *Tasks arising from decision 1/CP.21* brings home the enormity of the work programme we agreed in Paris. We need to get down to work urgently, in particular given that we have very little formal time to advance our work before Marrakesh. In that context, the EU would like to echo the distinguished colleague of the G77 + China in his appreciation of the ongoing efforts to resolve outstanding issues regarding the agenda in the spirit of Paris and we look forward to adopting the agenda as soon as possible.

Some elements of the work programme already have expected formal deliverables for COP22. However, as noted in the reflections note, all elements of the work programme should be taken forward in a balanced and coherent way – and we would expect to see progress in all areas seen at COP22. In that context we welcome the notion of the tracking tool raised in the reflections note. We also welcome the proposal to have sessions here in Bonn to take stock of progress being made. The significant and extensive work assigned to the constituted bodies must be both part of the tracking tool and of the stocktaking, in addition to the SBs and APA.

We welcome our new co-Chairs and wish them well in guiding us forward to delivering on what was agreed in Paris. And we look forward to working with our negotiating partners to continue and build on the Spirit of Paris.

Closing statement

Bonn, 26 May 2016

Dear Co-chairs, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

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

We arrived in Bonn with a clear objective to launch the negotiations on the implementation of the work programme under the Paris Agreement. The signing of the Paris Agreement by 177 Parties to the Convention, and the ratification of the Agreement by 17 Parties, confirmed our assessment that Parties were ready to engage constructively in the discussions on the implementation of the work programme.

We were delighted that our work took off on a high note with the election of two experienced and energetic Co-Chairs to guide us in this process. We are also pleased that the process is moving towards better gender balance.

In agreeing our agenda we have reached a common understanding of the issues that need to be addressed over the coming months. Now we have a clear basis to carry out the work ahead of us.

We welcome the positive atmosphere in which the discussions have been conducted. In that regard, we compliment the Co-Chairs for the manner in which they have guided us. In particular, the use of guiding questions to keep our discussions focused has been effective and has allowed all Parties to provide their views on all issues at hand.

We welcome the fact that these discussions were carried out in an open and transparent manner, allowing observers and civil society to be present. We are pleased to see that there will be a continued involvement of them in this process.

Today, we have agreed on a set of conclusions that set out clear steps towards COP 22 in Marrakech. We have also agreed on how we will proceed with our discussions under the APA once we arrive in Marrakesh.

In summary, with an agreed agenda and a clear way forward for the resumed session of the APA in November, we are ready to engage in substantive work and to explore possibilities for convergence that in time will lead to the full and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.

We would like to thank the Co-Chairs for their leadership and guidance and the Secretariat for their hard work.

We wish our partners a safe journey home and look forward to getting down to business when we reconvene in November in Marrakesh.
