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Subject: 24th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations  
Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24, Katowice,  
3-14 December 2018)  
– Information from the Polish delegation

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Delegations will find in the Annex an information note from the Polish delegation on the above subject, to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council (Environment) meeting on 5 March 2018.

**24th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations  
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Recognizing the seriousness of observed and projected climate change, affecting the ability to implement policies and development strategies at all levels and in virtually all areas of human activity; being aware of the international community's efforts to mitigate climate change and adapt to it; and striving to start the implementation of the ground breaking Paris Agreement as soon as possible, **Poland undertook to organize in December 2018 the 24th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24).**

For many years, the Parties have been discussing ways to achieve the objectives of the UN Climate Convention, but the growing seriousness of the situation requires a step-up from debates and analyses to firm action. The Paris Agreement, which set the framework for international cooperation in the field of climate protection post-2020, will be ineffective without implementing provisions. Therefore, it is time to complete the negotiation phase and focus on delivering on the commitments made. For this reason, **the most important goal of COP24 remains the adoption of a full implementation package to the Paris Agreement**, as well as other decisions that will strengthen the implementation of the UN Climate Convention and the Kyoto Protocol and will allow the participation of non-state actors in this process. Thus, COP24 will be a meeting of exceptional importance, which the Executive Secretary of the Convention has compared to COP21, where the Paris Agreement was adopted.

The implementation package is an indispensable basis for action by state and non-state actors, including international financial institutions, the private sector, local government and civil society organizations. In order to guarantee transparency, legal certainty and the durability of rules necessary for making decisions on long-term commitments, all provisions of the implementation package are necessary. Delaying the adoption of such regulations or limiting their scope may send a wrong signal to the international community and the private sector regarding the involvement of the Parties in the mitigation of climate change. Such activities should be undertaken as soon as possible and as efficiently as possible, taking into account the full range of available solutions, innovations and technologies.

The Parties must not miss any of the thematic areas to ensure that the COP24 result reflects the compromise reached in Paris as faithfully as possible. The Presidency of COP24 counts on active support for this goal from all Parties to the Convention, in particular the Member States of the European Union. We support all non-formal initiatives, including meetings, workshops and consultations, which will serve as a platform for constructive dialogue and building trust among Parties. This will allow for quick progress on the implementation package accepted by all Parties to the Convention. It is also necessary to maintain a balance between the efforts of rich and poor countries. The Parties must continue climate negotiations in the spirit of the Paris Agreement, ensuring the universal participation of all states and the voluntary nature and choice of how to reduce emissions and use natural resources.

**The Talanoa Dialogue fits in perfectly with the general understanding that it is necessary to take action to achieve the goal of the Paris Agreement.** This unique event will serve to promote the implementation of the Agreement, providing an opportunity for the first global debate of states and non-state actors on the possibilities to increase the effectiveness of implemented climate policies and activities, including through cooperation and mutual support of activities in different countries. An important complement to the Talanoa Dialogue taking place during COP24 will be the pre-2020 dialogue and the climate finance ministerial dialogue.

Bearing in mind the huge challenge facing the Parties to the Convention in 2018 in international climate negotiations, Poland, as the incoming COP24 Presidency, recognizes the need to coordinate at EU level the works and activities aimed at adopting a full implementation package to the Paris Agreement and conducting the Talanoa Dialogue in a manner that shows the European Union efforts made in both fighting climate change and providing financial, technical and capacity-building support to developing countries.