



Submission by Denmark and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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Subject: The second annual workshop of the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue between Parties, relevant organizations and stakeholders to exchange views on and enhance understanding of the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement and its complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement

The second workshop under the strengthened Sharm el-Sheikh- Dialogue (SeS-D) represents a key and pivotal opportunity to consider how to collectively achieve the pillar of Article 2.1(c) in the year of the 10-year anniversary of the Paris Agreement. With the dialogues concluding, CMA7 is set to decide *on a way forward with regard to its deliberations on this matter* (9/CMA.5).

The EU and its Member States appreciate this opportunity in advance of the final dialogue to thank Parties and non-Party stakeholders for their constructive engagement, sharing national experiences and reflections on both the opportunities and the barriers and challenges ingrained in aligning financial flows with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, thus with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development. We appreciate the nuances brought forward and underlines our understanding that the achievement of all of the goals of the Paris Agreement is to be pursued in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, reflecting equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances.

We consider it to be paramount to integrate financial decisions and plans into national climate and development strategies as to ensure the nationally determined nature of achieving climate objectives, and look forward to spend the last dialogue of 2025 to prepare the ground for constructive engagement towards finding consensus on how to take forward the work related to the implementation of the third objective of the Paris Agreement as a key enabler of mitigation and adaptation action.



Given the symbolic importance of 2025, marking the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Agreement, it is essential to ensure that Parties have the necessary time and space for meaningful engagement. It is equally important that the two co-chairs guide the discussion and carefully capture Parties' views, reflections, and options to feed into the final co-chairs' report.

The workshops in 2024-2025 also showed that a wide range of initiatives and actions implementing Article 2.1(c) is already happening, with associated opportunities and challenges, within the different country contexts. They also contributed to a better understanding of the potential role of the UNFCCC in promoting further progress.

This last workshop should be structured in a way that:

- Allows Parties enough time to enhance their understanding of what can be expected at CMA7, in terms of both substance and process;
- Enables open and inclusive exchanges among Parties on potential options, pathways, and elements of convergence, if they wish to engage in such discussions

We look forward to hearing what other Parties consider to be the appropriate way to follow up on the past two years of dialogues and openly exchange on options, possible way forward and elements of convergence at CMA 7.

Thus, we see the best use of the last SeS-D to not necessarily focus on a single technical issue but instead:

- Provides a high-level recap of the topics, technical inputs and findings reflected in the enhanced SeS-D, as a preview of the co-chairs' report for CMA7, and a reminder of the diversity and depth of the discussions held over the last two years;
- Provides a "safe space" in smaller settings for informal exchanges focused on how to translate these understandings into concrete steps at CMA7;
- Includes open plenary discussions for broader engagement with all Parties and relevant stakeholders
- Offers further breakout opportunities to explore areas of divergence and propose workable options for a way forward.

The final SeS-D workshop should ultimately foster a constructive and forward-looking atmosphere, paving the way for a successful outcome at CMA7, e.g. by designing a permanent dedicated space that supports the operationalization of Art. 2.1c. The COP30 Presidency should also be engaged in the process—either in an active or listening capacity—should they wish to do so.