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Subject: Submission on views on the revision of the modalities and procedures for international assessment and review on the basis of the experience gained in the first round of international assessment and review

The EU and its Member States are pleased to provide their views on the on the revision of the modalities and procedures for international assessment and review on the basis of the experience gained in the first round of international assessment and review (IAR).

The EU's experiences with the first round of multilateral assessment were overall positive. In Marrakech, the 2nd round of multilateral assessment already took place for many EU Member States. The multilateral assessment (MA) sessions gave Parties the opportunity to share their experience, inform other Parties about their key policies and to reciprocally learn from experiences. Regarding reviews, experience shows that the information reported in biennial reports is best reviewed through centralised reviews.

In the view of the EU it is not necessary to revise the modalities and procedures for international assessment and review and the adopted modalities and procedures can serve during the subsequent rounds of IAR. Nevertheless, some operational improvements could already be implemented, such as improving the user friendliness of the MA portal and making presentations provided by Parties during the MA sessions available on the UNFCCC website separately from the webcast.

Given that

- APA agenda item 5 “Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement” will address modalities and procedures for the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress with respect to efforts under Article 9 and with respect to the implementation and achievement of Parties’ nationally determined contribution,
- Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 98 decided that the modalities, procedures and guidelines established by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 12-62 will be superseded by the modalities, procedures and guidelines of the transparency framework under the Paris agreement,

the EU is of the opinion that Parties should not invest any efforts in the revision of the modalities and procedures for IAR as referred to in paragraph 26 of decision 2/CP.17, but rather focus on the work under APA to design common modalities and procedures for the facilitative multilateral consideration of progress for all Parties. In this process Parties can integrate experiences from both IAR and international consultation and analysis (ICA).