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Subject: Views on the modalities and procedures of a public registry referred to in Article 7 (12), of the Paris Agreement, including on possible linkages with work under agenda item 5, “Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 4(12), of the Paris Agreement”, and the web page maintained by the Secretariat on undertakings in adaptation planning

I. Introduction

1. The EU and its Member States welcome the opportunity to submit their views on the modalities and procedures of a public registry referred to in Article 7(12) of the Paris Agreement, including on possible linkages with work under SBI agenda item 5 “Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 4(12), of the Paris Agreement”, and the web page¹ maintained by the secretariat on undertakings in adaptation planning.
2. The Paris Agreement indicates, under Article 7(11) and 7(12), that the adaptation communication shall be, as appropriate, submitted and updated periodically, as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution as referred to in Article 4(2), and/or a national communication, and shall then be recorded in a public registry maintained by the secretariat.
3. We see the public registry as a way to facilitate access to and finding adaptation-related information, currently scattered in different platforms, both existing and new. Furthermore, we consider that the public registry will increase the visibility of information provided, facilitate the recognition of countries' efforts, as well as the sharing of experience, knowledge and lessons learned.

II. Modalities and procedures

4. The registry should be a simple and user-friendly web-based platform and should provide space to house adaptation-related information. It should contain links to the adaptation communications submitted as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution, and/or a national communication as well as information provided in undertakings in adaptation planning on the UNFCCC web page maintained by the Secretariat.

¹ <http://unfccc.int/8932>



5. The registry should offer the possibility to inter alia sort communications by country, by vehicle used for submission and by date. This would help to find and make best use of the information available. Information should also be easily accessible and provided in a way, which allows a fast download.

III. Linkages

6. Regarding vehicles for communication by Parties of their adaptation priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions, the adaptation communication is an overarching concept that gives flexibility to Parties to decide on the most appropriate vehicle for this purpose, as stated in Article 7(11). The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss modalities and procedures for the public registry, without prejudice to the outcome of negotiations of other related agenda items.
7. The public registry also has linkages to other locations where Parties' adaptation information is housed, most notably the web page² maintained by the Secretariat on undertakings in adaptation planning, NAP Central and the UNFCCC portal for National Communications.

IV. Next steps

8. There are aspects that still require further consideration and elaboration at the next session, such as: How will countries submit and update what they consider should be included in the registry given that their adaptation communications may be submitted through various vehicles? How will the Secretariat maintain and/or upload links to the different reporting vehicles? What new procedures should be developed to ensure that the most up to date information is displayed?
9. We are looking forward to continuing the constructive discussions on the modalities and procedures of the public registry for adaptation.

² <http://unfccc.int/8932>