

Decision 5/CP.25

Scope of the second periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the ultimate objective of the Convention, contained in its Article 2,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 1/CP.18, 10/CP.21 and 18/CP.23,

Further recalling decisions 1/CP.24, section V, and 19/CMA.1,

1. *Recalls* that pursuant to decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 79, the review should periodically assess, in accordance with the relevant principles and provisions of the Convention, the following:

(a) The adequacy of the long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention;

(b) Overall progress made towards achieving the long-term global goal, including a consideration of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention;

2. *Agrees* that the second periodic review of the long-term global goal¹ under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it will be conducted, in accordance with the scope as defined in paragraph 4 below, with the assistance of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, in an effective and efficient manner, avoiding duplication of work and taking into account the results of relevant work conducted under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, the Paris Agreement and the subsidiary bodies;

3. *Notes* that pursuant to decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161, there is new information relevant to the second periodic review since the completion of the 2013–2015 review, and that additional information will be made available;

4. *Decides* that the second periodic review should, in accordance with the relevant principles and provisions of the Convention and on the basis of the best available science:

(a) Enhance Parties' understanding of:

(i) The long-term global goal and scenarios towards achieving it in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention;

(ii) Progress made in relation to addressing information and knowledge gaps, including with regard to scenarios to achieve the long-term global goal and the range of associated impacts, since the completion of the 2013–2015 review;

(iii) Challenges and opportunities for achieving the long-term global goal with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention;

(b) Assess the overall aggregated effect of the steps taken by Parties in order to achieve the long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention;

5. *Agrees* that the outcome of the second periodic review will not result in an alteration or redefinition of the long-term global goal stated in decision 10/CP.21;

6. *Decides* that the second periodic review shall follow, *mutatis mutandis*, the modalities set out in paragraphs 80–90 of decision 1/CP.18, including a structured expert dialogue;

7. *Also decides* that the second periodic review shall start in the second half of 2020 and conclude in 2022, with the structured expert dialogue held in conjunction with sessions of

¹ The long-term global goal was originally defined in decision 1/CP.16, para. 4, and was updated in decision 10/CP.21, para. 4.

the subsidiary bodies, starting at their fifty-third sessions (November 2020) and being completed at their fifty-fifth sessions (November 2021);

8. *Further decides* to consider the continuation of periodic reviews at its thirtieth session (November 2024) and take appropriate action, taking into account experience from the 2013–2015 review and the second periodic review, and the first global stocktake; potential overlaps and synergies between the periodic review, the global stocktake and other relevant processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement; and the availability of new information relevant to the periodic review;

9. *Notes* that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation have fulfilled the mandate contained in decisions 10/CP.21, paragraph 10, and 18/CP.23, paragraph 2.

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