Decision 11/CP.20

Methodologies for the reporting of financial information by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 4, 5, 7, 10 and 12 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 9/CP.2, 11/CP.4, 4/CP.5 and 1/CP.16, paragraph 40,

- 1. Decides to extend by one year the deadline of the mandate given to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19, with a view to recommending a decision on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19, to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session (November–December 2015);
- 2. *Invites* Parties and observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 25 March 2015, views on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19, for compilation into a miscellaneous document;
- 3. Requests the secretariat to prepare a technical paper, prior to the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2015), summarizing existing international methodologies and drawing on relevant information contained in submissions from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 17, on their experience with reporting the first biennial reports, the submissions referred to in paragraph 2 above, information submitted by Parties on appropriate methodologies and systems used to measure and track climate finance, as referred to in decision 5/CP.18, paragraph 10, and the work of the Standing Committee on Finance on the 2014 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows;
- 4. Also requests the secretariat to organize a joint in-session technical workshop in conjunction with the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies, drawing on the information referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, so as to inform the work of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19;
- 5. Decides that the workshop referred to in paragraph 4 above shall be jointly organized under the auspices of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Standing Committee on Finance;
- 6. Requests the Standing Committee on Finance, as a part of its work on measurement, reporting and verification of support beyond the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, taking into consideration the outcomes of the joint in-session technical workshop referred to in paragraph 4 above, to include its recommendations on the methodologies for the reporting of financial information, as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 19, in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session;
- 7. Also requests the Standing Committee on Finance to present an update on its work on this matter to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice for its consideration at its forty-third session (November–December 2015);
- 8. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

9. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

10th plenary meeting 12 December 2014