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**Conference of the Parties**  
**Twenty-fourth session**  
**Katowice, 2–14 December 2018**

Agenda item 20(a)

**Conclusion of the session**

**Adoption of the draft report of the Conference of the Parties  
on its twenty-fourth session**

**Draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its  
twenty-fourth session**

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**I. Opening of the session**

(Agenda item 1)

1. The twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), convened pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention, was held at the International Conference Centre in Katowice, Poland, from 2 to 14 December 2018. Mr. Frank Bainimarama (Fiji), President of COP 23, convened the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of COP 24<sup>1</sup> on Sunday, 2 December.<sup>2</sup>

2. The official opening ceremony was held on Monday, 3 December 2018. Statements were made by Mr. Andrzej Duda, President of Poland; Mr. Bainimarama; Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the United Nations General Assembly at its 73<sup>rd</sup> session; Mr. Henryk Kowalczyk, Minister of the Environment of Poland; Mr. Michał Kurtyka, the newly elected President of COP 24 (see para. 3 below); Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Chief Executive Officer of the World Bank; Mr. Marcin Krupa, Mayor of Katowice; and Mr. David Attenborough.<sup>3</sup>

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\* Reissued for technical reasons on 11 December 2018.

<sup>1</sup> Meetings of the COP referred to in this report are plenary meetings.

<sup>2</sup> COP 24 was held in conjunction with the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA). The proceedings of the CMP and the CMA are contained in separate reports. The proceedings of the joint meetings of the COP, the CMP and the CMA convened during the sessions are contained in the report of the COP and cross-referenced in the reports of the CMP and the CMA.

<sup>3</sup> Statements are available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/katowice-climate-change-conference-december-2018/events-and-schedules/high-level-segment/high-level-segment-statements>.



## **II. Organizational matters**

(Agenda item 2)

### **A. Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session**

(Agenda sub-item 2(a))

3. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the COP, the President of COP 23 recalled that, in accordance with rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the office of President of the COP is subject to rotation among the five regional groups. He informed Parties that the cycle would now be continued with a President from the Eastern European States. Following the proposal of the President of COP 23, the COP elected by acclamation Mr. Kurtyka, Secretary of State in the Ministry of the Environment of Poland, as President of COP 24.

### **B. Adoption of the rules of procedure**

(Agenda sub-item 2(b))

(To be completed)

### **C. Adoption of the agenda**

(Agenda sub-item 2(c))

4. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations as well as the supplementary provisional agenda.<sup>4</sup> The provisional agenda was prepared in agreement with the President of COP 23 after consultation with the Bureau, taking into consideration the views expressed by members of the Bureau and by Parties at the first part of the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).

5. The supplementary provisional agenda was issued in response to a request received from Egypt on behalf of the African Group, which requested the inclusion of an agenda item entitled “Special needs and special circumstances of Africa under the Paris Agreement”. In accordance with rule 12 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, and in agreement with the President of COP 23, this item was included on the supplementary provisional agenda as item 16.

6. The President informed the COP that, just before the opening meeting, three additional requests for items to be added to the agenda of the COP had been received. Owing to the late receipt of the proposals, the President informed the COP that a new supplementary provisional agenda could not be issued. The additional requests were as follows:

(a) Honduras, on behalf of the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean (AILAC), with the support of Argentina, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Uruguay, Mexico and Ecuador, requested the inclusion of an agenda item entitled “The urgent and immediate needs and special circumstances of developing country Parties, including Latin American states, that are all particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change under the Convention and the Paris Agreement”;

(b) The Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States, requested the inclusion of an agenda item entitled “Special needs and special circumstances of the developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region”;

(c) Saudi Arabia, on behalf of the Arab Group, requested the inclusion of an agenda item entitled “Special needs and special circumstances of the Arab countries”.

7. The President stated that he had held extensive consultations in relation to supplementary provisional agenda items 5(c) and 16 and the three new proposals referred to in paragraph 6 above. On the basis of these consultations, he proposed that the agenda be

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<sup>4</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/1 and Add.1.

adopted as contained in document FCCC/CP/2018/1/Add.1, without item 5(c), item 16 and the three new proposals listed in paragraph 6 above. He also proposed that consultations be held in relation to items 5(c) and 16 and that items 5(a), 5(b) and 9 be held in abeyance.

8. Following the proposals of the President, the COP adopted the agenda as follows:
  1. Opening of the session.
  2. Organizational matters:
    - (a) Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session;
    - (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
    - (c) Adoption of the agenda;
    - (d) Election of officers other than the President;
    - (e) Admission of organizations as observers;
    - (f) Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
    - (g) Dates and venues of future sessions;
    - (h) Adoption of the report on credentials.
  3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies:
    - (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
    - (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
    - (c) Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement.
  4. Preparations for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.
  5. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15:
    - (a) Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention (*held in abeyance*);
    - (b) Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention (*held in abeyance*).
  6. Report of the Adaptation Committee.
  7. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.
  8. Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism:
    - (a) Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
    - (b) Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention.
  9. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention (*held in abeyance*).
  10. Matters relating to finance:
    - (a) Long-term climate finance;
    - (b) Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance;
    - (c) Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund;

- (d) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility;
  - (e) Identification of the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.
11. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.
  12. Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
  13. Capacity-building under the Convention.
  14. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention:
    - (a) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10);
    - (b) Matters relating to the least developed countries.
  15. Gender and climate change.
  16. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies.
  17. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:
    - (a) Audit report and financial statements for 2017;
    - (b) Budget performance for the biennium 2018–2019;
    - (c) Decision-making in the UNFCCC process.
  18. High-level segment:
    - (a) Statements by Parties;
    - (b) Statements by observer organizations.
  19. Other matters.
  20. Conclusion of the session:
    - (a) Adoption of the draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-fourth session;
    - (b) Closure of the session.

(To be completed)

#### **D. Election of officers other than the President**

(Agenda sub-item 2(d))

(To be completed)

#### **E. Admission of organizations as observers**

(Agenda sub-item 2(e))

9. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the COP considered a note by the secretariat on the admission of organizations as observers,<sup>5</sup> which lists 8 intergovernmental organizations and 137 non-governmental organizations that had applied to be admitted as observers. In accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau and on a proposal by the President, the COP admitted the organizations listed in the above-mentioned note by the secretariat.

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<sup>5</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/2.

## **F. Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda sub-item 2(f))

10. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the President referred the COP to the annotations to the provisional agenda.<sup>6</sup> He noted that the governing and subsidiary bodies would launch work on all agenda items on 2 December and that all bodies would reconvene later that day in a joint plenary to hear opening statements from Parties and observers.

11. He also noted that the subsidiary bodies would conclude their work on Saturday, 8 December, and underlined the imperative of these bodies concluding their work as scheduled for a successful closing of the conference. The President informed the COP that upon conclusion of the work of the subsidiary bodies he would convene a plenary of the COP, also on 8 December, to take stock of progress and present the organization of work for the second week of the conference.

12. The President informed the COP that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the SBI may recommend draft decisions or conclusions for consideration and adoption by the COP under the following agenda items already on their agendas:

Item 6	Report of the Adaptation Committee
Item 8(a)	Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network
Item 10(e)	Identification of the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement
Item 11	Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
Item 12	Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
Item 13	Capacity-building under the Convention
Item 14	Implementation of Article 4, paragraph 8 and 9, of the Convention
Item 15	Gender and climate change
Item 17(a)	Audit report and financial statements for 2017
Item 17(b)	Budget performance for the biennium 2018–2019

13. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to refer the matters under the following agenda items to the SBI:

Item 13	Capacity-building under the Convention. To refer the matter of the review of the progress, need for extension, effectiveness and enhancement of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building in line with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 81.
Item 15	Gender and climate change. To refer the consideration of the annual report on gender composition.

14. The COP agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposal made by the President.

15. At the joint 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the COP, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the CMP, 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the CMA, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SBSTA, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SBI and 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, on 3 December, general statements were made by representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and its 28 member States), the Republic of Korea (on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group), Australia (on behalf of the Umbrella Group), Gabon (on behalf of the African Group), Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Arab Group), Maldives (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Ethiopia (on behalf of the least developed countries), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Like-minded Developing Countries), Colombia (on behalf of AILAC), India (on behalf of Brazil, South Africa, India

<sup>6</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/1.

and China), Argentina (on behalf of Argentina, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Uruguay) and Venezuela (on behalf of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples’ Trade Treaty).

16. At the same meeting, statements were also made by representatives of business and industry, environmental, indigenous peoples organization, local government and municipal authority, research and independent, trade union, women and gender, and youth non-governmental organizations.

(To be completed)

### **III. Agenda items 2(g) to 18**

(To be completed)

### **IV. Other matters**

(Agenda item 19)

17. This agenda item was taken up at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. No other matters were raised by Parties.

### **V. Conclusion of the session**

(Agenda item 20)

#### **A. Adoption of the draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-fourth session**

(Agenda sub-item 20(a))

18. At its XX meeting, on XX December, the COP considered the draft report on its twenty-fourth session and, on a proposal by the President, authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

(To be completed)

#### **B. Closure of the session**

(Agenda sub-item 20(b))

(To be completed)

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