### THE PARIS AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (PAICC)

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### I. SCOPE AND FUNCTION OF THE ART. 15 COMMITTEE

Purpose: to enhance the effectiveness of the Agreement's implementation and compliance, as well as to ensure accountability of Parties for their performance

It serves to enhance mutual trust and confidence.

Facilitate implementation of and promote compliance with the provisions of the Paris Agreement (Art. 15.1 PA)

Expert-based, facilitative in nature, transparent, non-adversarial, **non-punitive** (Art. 15.2 PA)

Avoid duplication of effort, shall not function as enforcement or dispute settlement mechanism, **not impose sanctions or penalties**, shall respect national sovereignty (Decision 20/CMA.1, Annex para 4)



#### Current composition of the committee

#### Africa

Member: Ms. Selam Kidane–Abebe (Ethiopia), alternate: Ms. Mominata Compaore (Burkina Faso) Member: Mr. Happy Khambule (South Africa), alternate: Mr. Chokri Mezghani (Tunisia)

#### Asia-Pacific

Member: Mr. Shang Baoxi (China), alternate: Mr. Tomonobu Sato (Japan) Member: Mr. Haseeb Gohar (Pakistan), alternate: Mr. Seung Jick Yoo (Republic of Korea)

#### **Eastern Europe**

Member: Ms. Eva Adamová (Czechia), alternate: Mr. Grzegorz Grobicki (Poland) Member: Mr. Grigory Yulkin (Russian Federation), alternate: Mr. Ivan Narkevitch (Belarus)

#### GRULAC

Member: Mr. José Félix Pinto-Bazurco Barandiarán (Peru), alternate: Mr. Michai Robertson (Antigua and Barbuda)

Member: Ms. Jimena Nieto (Colombia), alternate: Mr. Edgar Fernandez Fernandez (Costa Rica)

#### WEOG

Member: Mr. Jacob Werksman (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), alternate: Mr. Johan Pettersson (Sweden)

Member: Ms. Christina Voigt (Norway), alternate: Mr. Andrew Neustaetter (United States of America)

#### LDCs

Member: Mr. Ziaul Haque (Bangladesh), alternate: Ms. Eunice Asinguza (Uganda)

#### SIDS

Member: Ms. Rueanna Haynes (Trinidad and Tobago), alternate: Ms. Diane Tan (Singapore)

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### 3. HOW DOES AN "ISSUE" GET BEFORE THE COMMITTEE?

Three modes of initiation:

I. Self-submission by a party on all provisions of the PA (20/CMA.1, Annex, para 20) with respect to **own** implementation/compliance

## 2. Initiation by the committee where a *specific* requirement is not met; based on the information listed in para 22(a)

20/CMA.1, paragraph 22 (a).

The Committee:

(a) Will initiate the consideration of issues in cases where a Party *has not*:

(i) Communicated or maintained a nationally determined contribution under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, based on the most up-to-date status of communication in the public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement;

(ii) Submitted a mandatory report or communication of information under ArticleI 3, paragraphs 7 and 9, or Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement;

(iii) Participated in the facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress, based on information provided by the secretariat;

(iv) Submitted a mandatory communication of information under Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement;

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3. Discretionary initiation by the committee, with consent of Party, in cases of significant and persistent inconsistencies of the information submitted under art. 13.7 and 13.9 with MPGs, based on recommendations in TER-Report (para 22(b))

### 4. WHAT CAN THE COMMITTEE DO?

Shall take **appropriate measures**, which may include:

- I. Engaging in a dialogue with the Party to share information, identify challenges and recommend solutions (para 30 a)
- 2. Assist the Party in engaging with support bodies and arrangements and make recommendations to the Party (and communicate those to the support bodies/arrangements) (para 30 b and c)
- 3. Recommend development of an action plan (30 d)
- 4. Issue findings of fact in relation to matters listed in para 22 a (para 30 e)

### 6. SYSTEMIC FUNCTION

- Identification of systemic issues (Decision 20/CMA.1, paras 32-34), either:
  - Upon request from CMA to examine systemic issues, or
  - By committee itself (based on its own information)
- Recommendations to the CMA
- Systemic issues not related to individual Parties

- 6 formal and 4 informal meetings in since 2020
- Preparation of draft rules of procedure, to address any matters necessary for the proper and effective functioning of the Committee (mandate in 20/CMA.1, paragraphs 17 and 18)
- First set adopted by CMA 3 (Decision 24/CMA.3)

Adopted in Glasgow, 2021, decision 24/CMA.3

- Terms of Service
- Role of Alternate Members
- Duties and Conduct
- Conflic of Interest
- Roles of Co-chairs
- Dates, notice and location of meetings
- Adoption of meeting agenda

- Documentation
- Quorum
- Decision making and voting
- Expert advice
- Language
- Observer participation
- Secretariat and CMA

- Completing the remaining rules of procedure (mandate in Decision 20/CMA.1, Annex, paras 17 and 18, and Decision 24/CMA.3 para 2) for adoption by CMA4 (2022)
- 2. Make efforts to start its work on receiving information from the secretariat in relation to the submission of reports and communications from Parties according to its mandate under decision 20/CMA.1