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Record of the facilitative sharing of views during the forty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation: Andorra

Note by the secretariat

I. Background and mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 63, to conduct under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) international consultation and analysis (ICA) of biennial update reports (BURs) from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in a manner that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty. This process aims to increase transparency of the mitigation actions and their effects reported by non-Annex I Parties.
2. The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 56, adopted the modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis contained in annex IV to the same decision (hereinafter referred to as the ICA modalities and guidelines). The COP further decided that the first round of ICA would be conducted for developing country Parties commencing within six months of the submission of the first round of BURs by developing country Parties.¹
3. According to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the ICA process consists of two steps: a technical analysis of the BURs of non-Annex I Parties by a team of technical experts, resulting in a summary report for each Party; and a facilitative sharing of views (FSV), with BURs and summary reports serving as an input.²
4. Pursuant to the ICA modalities and guidelines, the SBI convened on 10 November 2016 in Marrakech, Morocco, at SBI 45, the second workshop for the facilitative sharing of views, open to all Parties, for the seven non-Annex I Parties, including Andorra, for which there was a BUR and a final summary report by 30 September 2016.³ Interested Parties were able to submit written questions in advance. As a result, Andorra received six written questions in advance from the following Parties: France, New Zealand, Norway and Peru.
5. The workshop, chaired by the SBI Chair, Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, comprised two three-hour sessions.

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 58(a).

² Decision 2/CP.17, annex IV, paragraph 3.

³ The BURs and the summary reports are available at <http://unfccc.int/8722.php> and <http://unfccc.int/10054.php>, respectively.

6. This record of the facilitative sharing of views for Andorra summarizes the proceedings and together with the summary report on the technical analysis of its BUR⁴ constitutes the outcome of the first round of ICA for Andorra.

II. Summary of proceedings

7. At this workshop for the facilitative sharing of views, Andorra made a brief presentation on its BUR. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

8. In its presentation Andorra provided an overview of its national circumstances, institutional arrangements, and inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases (GHGs) not controlled by the Montreal Protocol. The Party highlighted that its total GHG emissions increased from 407.63 kt carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂ eq) to 522.21 kt CO₂ eq (28.1 per cent) between 1990 and 2011, excluding emissions and removals from the land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector. Emissions including LULUCF increased by 41.6 per cent during the same period, from 278.32 kt CO₂ eq in 1990 to 394.13 kt CO₂ eq in 2011. Andorra provided information on its mitigation actions within the context of short-, medium- and long-term plans and strategies in the energy and waste sectors, which accounted for 97.0 and 1.4 per cent, respectively, of GHG emissions in 2011. These actions were included in the projections of GHG emissions to 2050 under three scenarios: business as usual, with existing measures, and with additional measures. In addition, Andorra provided information on its experience of participating in the technical analysis of its BUR. The Party identified and prioritized nine capacity-building needs, focusing on: areas relating to GHG inventories; the development of its domestic measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) system; and the use of the “UNFCCC biennial update reporting guidelines for Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention” (hereinafter referred to as the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on BURs).

9. Over the course of the presentation, Andorra addressed written questions submitted to it in advance through the secretariat by interested Parties.

10. Following the presentation, the following Parties made interventions commending Andorra for its efforts and asked for further clarification: China, European Union, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America. The questions were mainly focused on the following areas: experience with the use of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on BURs; the prioritization of capacity-building needs identified in consultation with the team of technical experts during the technical analysis of the BUR, within the context of national priorities; insight into the preparation of the GHG inventory for the second BUR; gaps in compiling data and reporting on GHG emissions for the transport sector; lessons learned from the GHG inventory preparation that increase the transparency of reporting in the agriculture, forestry and other land use sector; the impact of fuel tourism on national statistics and the trend in domestic fuel prices over time; the methodologies and technology used for mitigation actions in the waste sector; and constraints and challenges in establishing institutional arrangements for domestic MRV.

11. The full details of the presentation and of the subsequent interventions are available in the webcast of this workshop.⁵

12. In closing the workshop, the SBI Chair congratulated Andorra for successfully undergoing the facilitative sharing of views and completing the first round of its ICA process. He thanked Andorra and all other participating Parties for engaging in the workshop in a truly facilitative manner. He also thanked the secretariat for its support.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/ICA/2015/TASR.1/AND.

⁵ <http://unfccc.cloud.streamworld.de/webcast/sbi-facilitative-sharing-of-views-part-1>.