

SUBMISSION BY PORTUGAL AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES

Subject: Fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition

In response to the invitation from the co-facilitators of SBI agenda item 15(b), the EU welcomes the opportunity to provide its views through an in-session submission on the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition (EIT) established under decision 3/CP.7 ('the capacity building framework').

As a broad principle, the EU considers capacity building as an integral component of the means of implementation to enable Parties to take effective action in relation to the Convention and the Paris Agreement. In line with its commitments within the UNFCCC context, the EU has been providing broad support for capacity building actions in EIT countries over the last decades, and it will continue to do so based on the country needs. Capacity building is integrated in all EU support to EIT countries activities.

As regards the review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework for countries with EIT, the EU considers the following:

- To take stock of the progress in and assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the capacity-building framework for countries with EIT, Parties are usually able to draw upon relevant synthesis or compilation reports prepared by the Secretariat such as the one prepared prior to the fourth review (FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.5) and any additional relevant source of information.
- Acknowledging a synthesis/compilation report was not requested prior to the 5th review, available sources of information should be taken into consideration for reviewing the effectiveness, continued added value and relevance of such a framework and identify possible streamlining options, taking also into consideration the fact that the framework is now serving a very limited number of countries.
- Based on the above, the EU would suggest considering the previous decision relating to the 4th review as a basis to work on a text for the 5th review, aiming at a smooth review.

The EU is looking forward to engaging constructively in the discussions under this agenda item.