

Turkey's Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) regarding the preparation of the 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows (BA)

In response to the "Call for evidence on information and data for the preparation of the 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows (BA)", Turkey submits the information below for the consideration of the SCF in preparing the 2020 BA and any other relevant documents in the future.

1) Provider Countries

In the "Annex A: Country and institution groupings used in the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows", Annex I Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") and OECD members as a whole are shown as the "provider groups."

According to Article 4 of the Convention, the developed country Parties and other developed Parties included in Annex II shall provide financial resources to enable developing countries to deal with climate change and to help them adapt to adverse effects of climate change.

Article 9 of the Paris Agreement also stipulates that developed country Parties shall provide financial resources to assist developing country Parties with respect to both mitigation and adaptation in continuation of their existing obligations under the Convention.

In this context, Turkey notes that as a Party to the Convention Turkey is not included in Annex II to the Convention that consists of the developed country Parties and other developed Parties responsible for providing climate finance to developing countries.

Therefore, instead of indicating the entire Annex I Parties and OECD members as the provider groups, "the names of countries other than Annex II Parties that voluntarily provide climate finance" should be stated individually as the "provider countries" in the SCF reports including the 2020 BA.

2) Climate finance flows from developed to developing countries

In the 2018 BA, it is stated that *"the use of the terms 'developed and developing countries' or 'South-south' in this report are used by the authors to describe data or country classifications from various sources including for example: OECD members/non-OECD members; OECD DAC members/OECD-DAC ODA eligible countries; Annex II/Annex I/non-Annex I countries; and other relevant classifications."*

As very well known, there are various country classification systems used by different international institutions, multilateral development banks and multilateral agreements. For instance, Turkey is considered as a developing country according to the UN, World Bank and International Monetary Fund classifications. Indeed, while Turkey is an OECD member, it is among the countries that are eligible to receive Official Development Assistance (ODA). Furthermore, Turkey takes place in the list of "developing countries" of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

Therefore, in order to avoid confusion regarding different country classifications, it will be more appropriate to revise the abovementioned statement used in the 2018 BA as follows:

“For the purposes of the overview of climate finance in the BA, various data sources are used to illustrate flows from developed to developing countries without prejudice to the meaning of those terms in the context of the Convention and the Paris Agreement including but not limited to Annex II/Annex I Parties that voluntarily provide climate finance to non-Annex II, and MDBs; OECD members to other OECD members and non-OECD members; OECD DAC members to OECD DAC ODA eligible countries; and other relevant classifications.”

3) Reporting, reviewing and verifying of financial information

In the 2018 BA, there is a subtitle “1.3.2. Reporting, reviewing and verifying of financial information by Annex I Parties,” which focuses on the information regarding financial resources provided by Annex II Parties.

As mentioned in the paragraph 57 of the 2018 BA and in accordance with the UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed countries and several decisions such as 2/CP.17 and 9/CP.21, Annex II Parties are required to provide information on the provision of financial resources.

In this regard, if the 2020 BA covers the same topic, this subtitle should be revised in order to make the subtitle consistent with the content and enable the section to reflect the reporting system for the information on financial resources under the Convention.

In the light of this submission, Turkey kindly requests the SCF to take into consideration the information provided above in preparing future BAs and any other relevant documents of the SCF.