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Cooperation with other international organizations

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Option 1:

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the exchanges of views on this issue and agreed to continue consideration at the next session.

Option 2:

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2. The SBSTA noted discussions by Parties on the basis of three questions that were suggested by the co-facilitators. These questions were:

(a) What kind of space would you foresee for future deliberations on this item? For instance, a space to take note of the report prepared by the Secretariat? A space to discuss? A space to negotiate?

(b) Would you find it useful to include exchanges of national experiences on the issues of coordination and synergies on the national level?

(c) What are your views on the scope of this discussion; is there a need for a Party focus with more in-depth conversations on specific issues?

3. The SBSTA noted that there was divergence on the procedural way forward as well as on some substantial elements.

4. The SBSTA could see convergence, particularly on the following:

(a) Parties expressed the view that any discussions on cooperation with other international organizations and on enhancing synergies should be fully respectful of the respective mandates and the distinct institutional arrangements of the different international organizations and conventions. Hence, this item should not call into question the specificity and mandates of other international organizations and conventions and should avoid duplicative action.

(b) It was also noted by Parties that discussions under this item should not establish new obligations, nor increase the existing reporting requirements.

(c) Parties did recognize the merit of providing a space where the UNFCCC Secretariat can present its annual report on cooperative activities, for Parties to take note of.

(d) It was also broadly understood that there is a need for sufficient space for discussing the issue of cooperation.

(e) Parties concurred on opportunities that strengthening coordination and synergies provide, including through the exchange of national information and experiences at national and regional levels. Such exchange could look both at challenges, such as means of implementation, and at useful practices to improve coordination, communication between departments, and national efforts to enhance coherence.

(f) Parties acknowledged the importance of receiving reports back on the activities of the Joint Liaison Group and underscored the opportunity to harness its potential.

(g) acknowledged that Decision 1/CMA.5 provides guidance on issues regarding international cooperation.

(h) Parties highlighted that discussions under this item should remain party-driven, voluntary and facilitative in nature.

5. The SBSTA invited Parties and Observers to make submissions on the three questions in paragraph 2 by 1 March 2027, and agreed to further consider this matter at SBSTA 66, taking into consideration these submissions.