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Inclusive Forum on Carbon Mitigation Approaches (IFCMA)

Dear Ms. Tyndall,

Thank you for the positive discussion between our Secretariats on 13 March 2023 about the OECD's initiative to establish an Inclusive Forum on Carbon Mitigation Approaches (IFCMA).

We support the IFCMA's objective, to help optimise the global impact of individual countries' emissions reduction efforts, by facilitating data and information sharing, evidence-based mutual learning and inclusive multilateral dialogue.

Consistent with the Paris Agreement, countries around the world can and are pursuing different carbon mitigation approaches – consistent with their circumstances and stages of development. To be globally effective, we therefore need to find better ways to work together in pursuit of our shared objectives under the Paris Agreement – something we see the IFCMA can help bring about.

We understand the specific capabilities the OECD brings to the table, in providing internationally comparable statistics, measurement frameworks, evidence-based analysis and through its proven track record of inclusive engagement, well beyond its Membership.

We agree that the work of the IFCMA may be beneficial for Parties in responding to the global stocktake (GST) and the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). There are certainly synergies and complementarity between our work and that of the IFCMA, for example the facilitative multilateral consideration of progress (FMCP) under the ETF or the Mitigation Work Program (MWP), including its Global Dialogues.

To ensure the IFCMA process is truly inclusive and as beneficial as possible to our work it is important for it to be open to advanced, emerging market and developing countries, participating in its work on an equal footing basis.

The UNFCCC looks forward to working with the OECD to ensure work is not duplicative and does not create additional reporting requirements for countries.



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Importantly, IFCMA Module 1 (i.e. the stocktake of the full range of mitigation policy instruments countries have implemented to reduce GHG emissions and mapping of the instruments against emissions bases) will use information collected from multiple sources, including Parties' reporting to the UNFCCC under the ETF, in addition to existing OECD data sets - the International Programme for Action on Climate (IPAC) and its Climate Actions and Policies Measurement Framework, the Policy Instruments for the Environment (PINE) database, and the Inventory of Support for Fossil Fuels. The consideration of information across the various datasets will certainly be valuable to the Parties in assessing their actions.

IFCMA Module 2 (i.e. the development and application of a consistent methodology to estimate the effects of national mitigation policies and policy packages on emission reductions), will help inform Parties in their consideration of the GST on mitigation efforts at the national level. In addition, by looking not only at individual policy instruments, but also at policy packages across all relevant sectors, the IFCMA will encourage a whole-of-government approach, help identify the scalability of policies and allow governments to identify both intended and (more importantly) unintended consequences of instruments taken in one part of the economy for others. We very much support the IFCMA's intention to encourage a "race to the top".

We look forward to working further with the OECD on this project in an observer capacity consistent with the IFCMA governance arrangements. We would also be keen to discuss setting up an IFCMA dialogue at our COP 28 pavilion so delegations and stakeholders could explore these synergies in more detail.

Our positive and productive cooperation on this important project has got off to a good start and we look forward to its continuation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniele Violetti', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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