

Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, the Republic of Korea, and Switzerland

## **EIG's Views on the INDCs Process**

ADP 2.6, workstream 1

In this submission, the EIG is pleased to submit its views on the process around the intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) for the post-2020 period which are to be communicated well before COP21 (Paris) and in the first quarter of 2015 for those ready to do so. This submission is complementing earlier EIG submissions on elements of the 2015 agreement, including the upfront information on INDCs to be identified by Lima.

### **1. Purpose of INDC process and timelines**

EIG countries are sincerely engaged in domestic preparations of their INDCs and strongly committed to a timely communication ahead of COP21 of their INDCs and of the upfront information ensuring clarity, transparency and understanding.

Consideration of the INDCs through a multilateral consultative process with four main components will demonstrate that each Party's INDC is part of a collective effort to combat climate change. It will facilitate understanding of other Parties' efforts and it will allow each Party to clarify its INDC ("clarify" component). It will further allow aggregation of Parties' contributions ("compile" component) which will help generate an understanding of the collective global ambition with regards to the 2 degrees goal ("calibrate" component). Such a process will build trust in the run up to the Paris conference and help a successful adoption of the 2015 Agreement at COP21. In the case of insufficient global ambition, the INDC process sets a good basis to consider enhanced action through international initiatives ("cooperate" component, to be undertaken through workstream 2 of the ADP). Parties who have not yet submitted their INDC in the first quarter 2015 may indicate when they will be ready to do so to allow an efficient planning of the INDC process. They may also explain the difficulties they are meeting in submitting their INDCs to allow for a better understanding of the situation and possible additional cooperation.

Therefore, the EIG supports a multilateral INDC process starting from the first quarter 2015 and accommodating all Parties and their circumstances. By COP20 (Lima) Parties may set out the general modalities of the INDC process. EIG's views are set out below.

### **2. Modalities of the INDC process**

- Interactive discussions:
  - Simple process: Should be a facilitative, non intrusive, non punitive process where Parties share information on the underlying effort of their INDC and their considerations on equity, fairness and CBDR/RC regarding their INDC in view of the 2 degrees goal. Parties who have not yet communicated their INDC can be invited to inform the discussions on the reasons and their timeline to present their

INDC.

- Institutional arrangement: the body should be the ADP, but the INDC process should not form part of the negotiations on the 2015 Agreement and rather be undertaken in parallel, for the two processes to be mutually supportive but nevertheless independent.

Technical information basis: the secretariat should facilitate the interactive discussions through

- a technical paper with an overview of the upfront information provided by the Parties summarizing the aggregate level of ambition of the received INDCs.
- The output of the interactive discussion and consideration of the INDCs should be
  - a revised technical paper containing factual information prepared by the secretariat.