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REPORT OF MEETING

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 1. OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Ms Amy Fraenkel, CMS Executive Secretary, opened the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee (StC58) noting she was presiding over the first post-COP StC meeting until the election of a Chair. She congratulated the newly elected StC members, many of whom were serving on the StC for the first time. She commented that only four members had been eligible for a second term.

ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. StC58 adopted the *Provisional Agenda* as contained in UNEP/CMS/StC58/Doc.2.1.

ITEM 3. ELECTIONS OF OFFICIALS TO FILL THE POSTS OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 2026-2029

3. The StC next turned to the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2026-2029 period. The UK stated that they would like to stay on as Chair, which Zimbabwe, the Cook Islands, Morocco, Belgium, Montenegro, and Uganda supported.

4. The UK was elected to continue as StC Chair.

5. Costa Rica offered to take on the role of Vice-Chair, which Brazil supported.

6. Costa Rica was elected Vice-Chair.

ITEM 4. ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS AND CHAIR OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE

7. It was noted that one representative from each region would serve on the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee. Zimbabwe recommended Uganda for Africa, Brazil offered to serve for South and Central America and the Caribbean, Australia recommended the Cook Islands for Oceania, and India offered to serve for Asia. The UK indicated their continued availability to serve on the Sub-Committee.

8. Ms Fraenkel stressed the importance of electing a Chair for the Sub-Committee given that, under the Budget Resolution adopted by CMS COP15, certain consultations would need to take place with the Chair of the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee.

9. The Cook Islands offered to serve as the Sub-Committee Chair. Members of the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee elected Cook Islands as their Chair.

ITEM 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS UNDER THE STANDING COMMITTEE

10. The StC considered the creation of an intersessional Working Group on the review of the national reporting format to advance work and ensure submission to StC59. The StC agreed to the establishment of this WG to further contribute to the development of the template by the Secretariat for consideration and adoption by StC59. It was agreed that the Secretariat would reach out to StC members regarding the further process.

11. Brazil proposed creating a WG to support the implementation of the decision on resource mobilization and to prepare related deliverables in the intersessional period and for consideration by COP16 and said it had an outline of the draft TOR. Zimbabwe supported this approach.

12. Costa Rica supported the proposal to establish a WG on the report about resource mobilization to build on actions discussed and agreed to at COP15. The UK supported establishing a WG but believed the best way forward would be to correspond by email to determine the WG's TOR. The Cook Islands supported the proposal of the UK.

13. The StC agreed to establish an intersessional WG to support the implementation of Decisions 15.4 and 15. 5 on the resource mobilization strategy and to correspond by email to finalize the TOR.

ITEM 6. DATES AND VENUE OF STC59

14. The Secretariat proposed that StC59 could meet in March or April of 2027 with further details to be communicated at a later date.

ITEM 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. No other business was raised.

ITEM 8. CONCLUDING REMARKS

16. Brazil commented that this really was a "happy" COP. Zimbabwe expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Ms Fraenkel and congratulated the UK on its election as Chair. The UK also thanked Ms Fraenkel.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.