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MESSAGE TO PARTIES, OBSERVER STATES AND OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

Information regarding SB 52

I would like to refer to the communication dated 1 April 2020 indicating that in light of the COVID-19 situation, the Bureau of the COP, CMP and CMA decided that the fifty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 52) and the fifty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 52) would be held from 4 to 12 October 2020. The message further indicated that, taking into consideration the uncertainty of how the COVID-19 crisis would evolve, the Bureau would review the feasibility of convening the sessions on the new dates.

On Wednesday, 17 June 2020, the Government of Germany decided to extend the ban on major events until the end of October at the earliest. Additionally, travel restrictions continue to be extended throughout the world.

Subsequently, the Bureau met on Monday 22 June 2020 to consider these new developments. Having considered the circumstances, which would preclude the secretariat's ability to organize the subsidiary body sessions (SB 52) in an inclusive manner with the participation of all Parties, the Bureau decided to postpone SB 52 to 2021. The Bureau, in conjunction with the secretariat, will consider new dates at its next meeting. Information on dates and all relevant information will be communicated in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Espinosa

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