

## Submission of the United States of America

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The United States is committed to continuing to meet its finance- and technology-related obligations under the Convention.

We are working to enhance our partnerships with countries around the world to increase trade and investment in clean energy technologies, including through the Asia-Pacific Partnership and the Clean Technology Fund. These and like partnerships are consistent with Article 11.5 of the Convention.

The United States holds no assumption that enhancing financial and technology promotion tools necessarily means creating new institutions under the UNFCCC. We are keenly interested in how any new efforts under the Convention would relate to the substantial and growing level of activity beyond the Convention.

It is important to place our efforts in context. Mobilizing funds and promoting technologies are not end goals. They are means to an end – the achievement of the ultimate objective of the Convention to mitigate climate change.

In considering new finance and technology proposals from Parties, we ask several questions:

#### **To what extent would any agreed outcome with respect to finance help Parties to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention?**

Donor countries will have an ongoing need to be sure that resources continue to go to the highest priority actions and that there is effective performance for our investments.

With scaling up there will be additional attention to the effectiveness of such efforts, and whether investments from donor countries are matched by requisite efforts in developing countries.

#### **Would these new efforts be effective in mobilizing investments from the private sector?**

The critical role of the public sector is in creating the legal, regulatory and governance structures that will mobilize these funds from private sources.

In evaluating any new finance and technology proposals, we would consider what they would do to boost those national institutions and enabling environments, consistent with national plans.

#### **Would these new tools recognize and build on the financial and technological capacity of the recipient country?**

Many non-Annex I Parties, and in particular the major emerging economies, have a level of financial and technical capacity far greater than two decades ago.

It is important to carefully consider what national governments can be reasonably expected to do through their own policies and resources, consistent with their obligations under the Convention.

We appreciate that several non-Annex I Parties have focused on low-or no-cost mitigation options known as Sustainable Development Policies and Measures. We agree that this is an especially important area for consideration.

We look forward to a thoughtful and constructive discussion on these issues in Poznan.