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Joint Statement on the donors' pledge of \$55.3M USD to the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency

The text of the following statement was released by the Governments of Australia, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Walloon Region (Belgium).

Today in Marrakesh, we are pleased to announce pledges totaling \$55.3 million USD¹ to the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT), hosted by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Today's announcements of intentions for support show that there is a growing coalition of donors for this important initiative.

CBIT was a key outcome from the Paris Agreement, as it assists developing countries in meeting the enhanced requirements for transparency of action and support under the Paris Agreement. For example, it supports national institutions to plan, coordinate, implement and monitor policies, strategies and programs to enhance transparency, and report on progress made in implementing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). CBIT also provides access to tools and applications to facilitate the use of improved methodologies and guidelines, as well as country-specific training. In addition it facilitates activities like peer exchange programs to help share experiences and expertise between countries.

Building capacity for an enhanced transparency system takes time, and we applaud the GEF's significant efforts to establish CBIT in 2016. In particular, we commend GEF for having already funded three developing countries' applications and a global co-ordination platform less than a year after COP-21 concluded.

The following pledges to CBIT support the priorities identified by recipient countries, which are essential for building transparency related capacity:

- Australia pledges to contribute 2 million AUD (\$1.5 million USD).
- Canada reaffirms its pledge to contribute 5 million CAD (\$3.8 million USD) to CBIT.
- Germany will contribute 10 million Euro (\$11 million USD) to CBIT in 2016.
- Italy reaffirms its commitment to enhance capacity building for developing countries, pre- and post-2020. To this end it is ready to contribute to CBIT with 4 million Euro (\$4.4 million USD).
- Japan supports the work of CBIT and is seriously considering contributing to the initiative.
- The Netherlands pledges to contribute 1 million Euro (\$1.1 million USD).
- New Zealand has pledged to support CBIT, and is pleased to see the progress that the GEF has made.

¹ All conversions to USD are based on OECD monthly average exchange rates for October 2016.

- Sweden pledges to contribute 30 million SEK (\$3.4 million USD) to CBIT.
- Switzerland will contribute 1 million CHF (\$1 million USD) to CBIT and is in the course of finalizing its contribution agreement.
- The United Kingdom reaffirms the pledges to contribute 10 million GBP (\$12.3 million USD) from the International Climate Fund and 1 million GBP (\$1.2 million USD) from the Scottish Government's Climate Justice Fund to CBIT.
- The United States of America reaffirms its pledge of \$15 million USD to CBIT.
- The Walloon Region (Belgium) is pleased to announce a contribution of 400,000 Euro (\$441,000 USD) in 2017 to CBIT.