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Modalities of the EU-Cuba Dialogue on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development

(Article 14 PDCA)

The Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement signed between the EU and Cuba in December 2016 foresees in the framework of its overall political dialogue the establishment of a Dialogue on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.¹

The Parties agree to conduct the Dialogue on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development according to the following modalities:

1. Objectives

To discuss positions and exchange views on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a view to identifying ways to improve practical cooperation between the EU and Cuba, including in multilateral fora.

2. Principles

- a. The Dialogue shall be conducted on the basis of mutual respect, sovereign equality, reciprocity, full respect and adherence to International law and to the purposes and the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as of in conformity with the Parties' respective constitutional principles, legal frameworks, norms and regulations, as well as the applicable international instruments to which they are Parties.

¹ Article 14.4 PDCA

- b. These Modalities are not intended to create any legal or financial obligations under international or national law.

3. Format

- a. The Dialogue on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be conducted by the Parties, as defined in Article 84 of the PDCA, and should be led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba and the EU counterpart. Both sides envisage to ensure that they are represented according to their own internal arrangements and in such a way as to facilitate meaningful discussions on the full range of agreed agenda items.
- b. The Dialogue should be held on an annual basis, and should be hosted on an alternating basis by each side, unless otherwise agreed. Dates, venues and agenda should be agreed through diplomatic channels prior to each meeting.
- c. Each annual meeting of the Dialogue should last a full day, unless otherwise mutually decided.
- d. The Parties recognise the potential contribution of civil society and may suggest to the other the convening of an event at the margins of the Dialogue with civil society organisations considered relevant by both sides aimed at sharing of experiences and knowledge on the items under discussion.

4. Agenda/practical arrangements

- a. The agenda of each session of the Dialogue should reflect an adequate balance. Topics to be discussed should be previously agreed between the Parties.
- b. The meetings and deliberations shall not be public. The Parties may agree to give visibility to the Dialogue through mutually agreed means.

5. Budget

Each Party should bear the cost of participation of its delegates in all meetings, in accordance with its own rules and regulations, including simultaneous interpretation.

6. Operational conclusions

At the end of each Dialogue the Parties could formulate mutually agreed conclusions.
