POLICY DIALOGUE PROCESS

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After all these presentations, let me try to be brief.

First, I think we have to congratulate all the colleagues for the hard work and engagement during 2020.

Even when we are living these difficult times, we were able to adapt most of our activities to guarantee the best possible performance, allowing to maintain CEWP alive and to have the conditions, with the necessary activity re-planning, to maintain the ambition of fulfilling our global objectives.

From today’s presentations it is obvious that different Lots are at different stages of development of their actions and potential recommendations.

But we think that, from today, we can start to have more concrete ideas of each Lot potential outcomes.

Second, I would like to remember that during the Virtual Joint Steering Committee last May, we have approved the document on the Policy Dialogue Process.

There, we have established, not only some possible ways to consolidate the process of the outcomes production, but also, a strategy to evaluate the key value of some of those potential outcomes to become policy recommendations.

Third, also from today’s presentations, we also learned that several policy recommendations are already being jointly prepared by Chinese and Europeans counterparts, and so, we are very confident that, during 2021, both Secretariats will have the conditions to start exchanging views, on how to move this process forward, and to agree on a calendar for this Policy Recommendations to be fully disseminated in China and Europe

In order to succeed, it is crucial that these Policy Recommendations must be achievable, must be designed for China and for Europe and they should reflect the best-available knowledge.

To conclude, allow me to say that LOT 5, additionally to business, is also producing relevant knowledge on climate change, SDG’s, circular economy or funding alignments.

This knowledge must also be translated into concrete Policy Recommendations, and we, at the European Secretariat, are ready to work with all the LOTS, and of course, with the Chinese secretariat, towards very successful outcomes.

A last word, to thank my twin Diana Carlos. Without her all this work was not possible.

Thank you

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