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MEMORANDUM

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Time: 17:00 – 18:00
Topics: Transparency

- I. **Summation:** The notation key is for indicating to which Parties the provision applies, based on Parties' submissions and interventions in relation to developing the MPGs under Article 13. Parties expressed many concerns about the notation key and general concerns about the technicalities of the document.

Key Take Aways:

- Parties want the applicable notations under the respective element of transparency in the document.
- Parties want readability and clarity of the text of the document.

II. **Presenters:**

Indonesia, G77, LMDCs, ILAC, LDCs, USA, Africa Group, OASIS, EIG, Australia, EU, and Arab Group

III. **Notes:**

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Indonesia

- Indonesia wants a new bullet point aims to add interlinkages from all issues dealing with articles 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, and 11.

Singapore on behalf of the G77 and China

- G77 believes the notation key language should be added into each corresponding section accordingly.
- G77 believes the notation key should stay in the document.

Ecuador on behalf of the LMDCs

- Ecuador aligns with the views of G77 and China
- Ecuador points out that, at this stage, issuing informal notes does not correspond to negotiation. Ecuador looks forward to negotiating and not a work-product as a result of informal notes.
- Ecuador wants different lists/ information for the differentiated responsibilities.
- In the document, Ecuador wants the word “mobilize” next to the word “provided” and wants the words “needed” and “received” together.
- Finally, Ecuador would like to add a bullet point where developing countries are to provide information for the expected impact of results.

Costa Rica-AILAC

- Costa Rica on behalf of AILAC Aligns with G77 and China
- AILAC believes the notation keys are confusing and would prefer a reference in each element.
- AILAC needs further clarification of each element

Bhutan-LDCs

- Bhutan on behalf of LDCs Aligns with G77 and China
- LDCs aren't happy with the document itself but believes the document provides a good basis for constructive negotiation in the coming sessions.

USA

- USA is uncomfortable with the notation key.
- USA believes that we still need to streamline the notation key.
- USA wants to clean up the redundancy in the text.

South Africa-African Group

- South Africa on behalf of the Africa Group Aligns with G77
- Africa Group “strongly” wants separate subheading under E for the information provided under Article 9.5
- In the alternate, Africa Group will accept a placeholder on the discussions going on at the COP.
- Africa group also wants separate subheadings for articles 13.14 and 13.15.

Maldives-AOSIS

- Maldives on behalf of AOSIS aligns with G77.
- Some of AOSIS' intentions are not reflected.
- AOSIS would like to incorporate a separate section on Loss and Damage.

Switzerland-EIG

- Expressed concerns of the mechanics of the text and thinks superscripts would make the text more readable.

Australia

- Australia wants to work “constructively” on the text.
- Notation Key is hard to read and should abbreviate the notations in superscript.

European Union

- European Union is “uncomfortable” that the document shows how many issues that are yet to be worked out.
- European Union is concerned about the readability of the text.

Brazil- Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay_

- Brazil on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay aligns with G77
- Brazil believes the documents represents reality.
- We will have to negotiate headings/ structures/ elements.
- APA is not supposed to solve everything.

China- LMDC_

- China, on behalf of the LMDC, Aligns with G77 and LDCs.
- The logic behind the text is to provide clear information.

Saudi Arabia- Arab Group

- Saudi Arabia, on behalf of the Arab Group. Aligns with G77.
- Arab Group think the document captures progress.