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MEMORANDUM

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Session: APA Agenda Item 6-Global Stocktake

Date: November 14, 2017

Time: (Item 6); 12:00 – 13:00 (Item 5)

Topics: Global Stocktake; Equity; Transparency

I. Summation

Co-Facilitators are finalizing the informal note to incorporate additional Party input which will be sent to the APA Contact Group in the afternoon for consideration. The informal note explained the building blocks derived from submissions and discussions, under Art. 14 global stocktake, to date under this agenda item.

Key Take Aways

- The Parties came to an agreement approving the informal note for the APA Contact Group.
- Co-Facilitators assured the parties that this note will reflect the oral corrections before moving to the APA contact group.
- The document submitted to the APA Co-Chairs reflected:
 - A detailed explanation of the elements of the document in the introduction.
 - Provided a footnote with a link to the individual negotiating groups and countries' suggested inputs to the document.

II. Presenters

- Philippines on behalf of G77 + China
- European Union
- New Zealand
- Solomon Islands
- Ghana

III. Notes

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Pre-Session Document Link: http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/bonn_nov_2017/in-session/application/pdf/apa1-4_i6_informal_note_first_iteration.pdf

Post-Session Document/ Document submitted to APA Co-Chairs Link:

http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/apa/application/pdf/informal_note_final_version_14nov2017_1500.pdf

Co-Facilitator

- This is the final meeting on Agenda Item 6 before moving to the APA Contact Group.

Phillipines-G77 and China

- Suggestions
 - The building blocks in the overarching elements section of the informal note need more detail.
 - Some groups in the G77 still don't see their inputs reflected in the informal note.

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- The disclaimers need improvements.
 - The disclaimers need to be explicit in showing that the “Informal note captures your [co-facilitators] interpretations”
- The last paragraph needs more clarity. G77 would like the specific Parties that submitted proposals to be referred to in the informal notes.
- The last paragraph also needs an additional sentence on the further work for additional COPs.
- Lastly, the informal note needs a new paragraph to specify the nature and intent of the both sides of the table.

EU

- Informal note captures and streamlines all views reflected today.
- The disclaimer and introduction of the note is important for the understanding of the actual content that follows the note.
- EU sees the informal note as a product that is not final.
- The informal note should reflect an understanding the parties can still add details to the informal note at a later date.

New Zealand

- It is important to note that the informal note does not preclude the validity of views to be expressed over the years.

Solomon Islands-LDCs

- Going forward, LDCs want more Parties views expressed in the informal note.

Co-Facilitator

- The Co-Facilitators will be revising the note incorporating the ideas expressed in this session. They encouraged all to attend the final contact group at 4pm.

Ghana

- Ghana would like the Co-Facilitators to explain the next steps moving forward.

Co-Facilitator

- They encouraged all to attend the final contact group at 4pm where details will be finalized that will next go to the COP.