

APA Agenda Item 7

Informal consultations on modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance referred to in Art.15.2 of the Paris Agreement

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I. Introduction CO-FACILITATORS

- giving floor to delegations for further reflections and propositions
- get an idea from the group of any particular views on the way forward
- give the floor to outstanding comments from the last session's speakers list

II. Comments

1. SAUDI ARABIA

- Thanking the CO-FACILITATORS for their work in trying to capture the input of all the parties
- Has a few suggestions that should be reflected in the material, e.g. in relation to the *national capabilities and circumstances of Parties (NCC)*, and the *measures and outputs*

2. IRAN

- In relation to the previous text:
 - The *special circumstances to be taken into account* concerning the NCC should not be limited only to *LDCs and SIDS*; also other cases could be considered as special circumstances, e.g. the incident of Fukushima in Japan

3. AUSTRALIA

- Thanks for all the great work, the good conversation and the relatively concise material
- From their point of view there is no need for additional intercessional work
- Starting to see pretty clearly where divergence zones are and convergence zones can be

- A detailed conversation is missing concerning key points of the section on *institutional arrangements*.

4. CHILE

- On behalf of AILAC they want to thank the CO-FACILITATORS and the SECRETARIAT for their excellent work
- Recognize the efforts made by the CO-FACILITATORS to guide the dialogue
- There are some aspects that will require further discussion
- On behalf of AILAC there is a constructive willingness to advance the task

5. EU

- Heading to the right direction
- Suggest that the *Initiation of Consideration* could be started by another body than the Committee itself and that this option should at least not be ruled out right now

6. UGANDA

- There are still some consistency and clarity issues to be solved:
 - Separate process of the states in terms of *systemic issues*
 - Treatment of *systemic issues* to be included in all relevant sections, including *scope*

7. CHINA

- Efficient and constructive session
- Informal note widely accepted
- Many points are still narrative
- Structure and bullet points make it easier to understand each other's points
- Wants to keep on being progressive
- Wants to thank the CO - FACILITATORS in their guiding work and all the PARTIES for their input

8. Mali

- Thanks to the CO-FACILITATORS for the informal note
- there is a need to discuss the *scope* in terms of:
 - Individual and/or collective obligations?

9. ARGENTINA

- On behalf of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay thanks for the session
- No comments or suggestions on the content of the informal note
- Looking forward to more substantive work

10. NORWAY

- Thanks for the effort that was put on the informal notes
- Encourage to leave the version as it is right now as basis for further discussion in the next sessions
- The *special circumstances to be taken into account* should apply for all developing countries, not only for *SIDS* and *LCDs*.

11. CO - FACILITATORS:

- There is an urge to keep the note as presented
- Ensuring that opposite options or reflections are captured
- Nothing is in any way agreed, it is supposed to be a starting point for next year that then can be thrashed out

12. NEW ZEALAND

- Thanks for everything, things are going forward and it is really nice to be “in the room” again

13. IRAN

- Text improved in general
- As mentioned in previous comment:
 - *Special circumstances to be taken into account* should not be limited to *LCDs* and *SIDS* but cover all developing countries
- Concerning the *recommendations to the CMA*, not sure what the difference between *repeated non-compliance* and *systemic issues* is, since repeated non-compliance could be considered a systemic issue

14. CANADA

- Nothing substantive to add, great job and a good way forward for the next meetings in spring

15. GAMBA

- Fully supports the general idea of differentiation:
 - However stresses that the *special circumstances of LCDs and SIDS* are explicitly recognized in the Convention and in the Paris Agreement
 - Therefore *special circumstances* that are to be taken into account should remain limited to those of *LCDs* and *SIDS*

16. ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

- On behalf of AOSIS: “We like the new draft!”

17. IRAN

- Highlights that the delegation fully respects all the different views, including opposite views of other parties and that all of those views should be considered when issues are occurring

18. CO - FACILITATORS:

- Very good progress at this very productive session
- A little bit of work left to make sure they faithfully captured everything in the informal note
- Thanks very much for the hard work, comments and considered views