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Proposal to start with linkage between Article 15 and transparency since the transparency committee is present

Brief summary

- Item 5 transparency
- 8 possible headings
- APA item 5 posted on website this morning
- Encourage the linkage of these two groups

Potential linkages between Article 15 committee and transparency

- What does the committee have before it? How can it process it?
- How would relationship be consistent with the facilitative, non-adversarial and non-punitive →nature?

China

- Speaking on behalf of G77 and China
 - Willing to explore linkage, but feels premature
 - Do we have answers to the questions?
 - Further exploration of systemic issues
 - Reporting requirements for transparency
 - Article 15 could play a role

New Zealand

- Potential for very important linkage to be made
 - We want parties to participate fully and implement framework well
 - Transparency → review team implemented by committee
 - Discussions must happen concurrently
 - Most legally binding agreements for Article 13...
 - Link is important
 - Parties will submit
 - Reports will be objective
 - Not a direct link though
 - Dialogue between institutions
 - Safeguards linkages
 - Committee could take action
 - Depoliticize by DCA
 - Not identify parties, but address why certain countries aren't able to comply

Saint Kilts and Nevis

- Lead to aggregate issues
- We don't want a hierarchy of institutions
- Come up with guidelines that are not overly prescriptive
- Initiation mechanisms
- CME→ establish priorities for committee

Transparency:

- There is scope
 - Serves as basis
- Potential area for progress
 - Move from article 13 to 15
- Non duplication of work
- Facilitative function
 - Where does facilitative role of committee begin?
- Linkage is necessary
 - Goes directly to the facilitative role of the committee for implementation
 - There is not one-size-fits all→ flexibility may be required

Australia

- Focus on linkage
 - transparency=key mechanism for implementation
 - Art. 4.2, 4.9
 - If no reports are supported, it can't work
 - Transparency reports could play a role
 - How can transparency use article 15 mechanism to add value without duplicating?
 - Is this actually dependent on MPGs
 - What will be the impact on the budget of UNFCCC
 - Is there possibly another place to take
 - deadline=2018
 - If we try to incorporate everything, we won't complete anything
 - Focus on convergence
- Linkage to support
 - Should not overlap or create perverse incentives
 - Can refer parties
 - Collective implementation of agreement

Keep comments towards transparency

Argentina

- On behalf of Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina
 - Systemic role of committee
 - Gather and report annually

- Facilitative exercise
- We see a linkage with transparency framework
 - See it as a trigger
- Focus on implementation issues
 - Trouble implementing, parties can approach committee
- Developing cont.
 - Need new and additional support in reporting
 - Complinace issue
 - See linkage

Costa Rica

- Systemic issues are identified and should be brought to attention of CMA
- Linkages
 - Funcational linkage
 - Facilitate linkage and support implementation
 - Implementation and facilitation $\neq$ transparency
- Link $\rightarrow$ must avoid duplication
 - Supporting institutions $\neq$ committee

USA $\rightarrow$ called on, then passed over

EU

- Art. 13 and 15 $\rightarrow$ important link
- Transparency and faciliation of implentation are complimetary
 - Builds trust and accountability
 - Define the principle with how article 13 and 15 can be linked
 - Encourage cont. Improvements in implementation
- Interested in identifying systemic challenges
 - How do we define systemic challenge?
 - Pattern of difficulties in implementing the Paris Agreement
 - Avoid large pattern of non implementation
- Art. 15 committee would need to respect mandate of...

Additional 15 minutes

Mali

- Better clarity under agenda item 5
- African group
 - Transparency framework could inform the work of the committee
 - Need additional procedures
 - Differentiation of parties
 - Information is needed
 - Missing info would lead to systemic failure or non-compliance
 - Info on finance, non-compliance, etc.

- Transparency framework could provide info
- Non-compliance=poor implementation
 - In relation to global stock take

The Gambia

- Committee has integral linkage
- Committee might need to gain info from transparency framework
- Need to be assessed

Saudi Arabia

- On behalf of the Arab Group
 - Initial steps of transparency
 - Premature to even discuss this issue
 - Transparency framework *cannot* be linked right now
 - Could negatively impact perceived independence of Art. 15
 - Trigger rights→ committee not seen as independent
 - Do not support linkage

USA

- In respect to transparency
 - How can committee add value to what already exists?
 - Art. 13 already provides technical review
 - We don't see need for another function to do the same thing
 - Complimentary function between 13 and 15
 - In cases where parties have not recorded
 - Wouldn't be appropriate for differentiation

South Africa

- Early to see role
- consistency
 - There is a review
 - Matter of compliance