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Title: APA agenda item 4: informal consultations on further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the PA

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Remarks: Yellow highlight indicate parts where I couldn't hear properly, and hence, cannot take notes.

Notes:

- **Co-facilitator** - Open up the floor to reactions to the new skeleton of the co-facilitators' note. Let us know if there was anything missed from the submissions last night, and if there is anything to consolidate
- **Saudi Arabia** - This is behalf of the Arab League of States. Surprised to find the 2nd iteration on the website this morning. Believe that this iteration has not been agreed and discussed. Remove. Major disagreement. Do not believe it can be a basis for discussion. 2 groups discussed... not included. Core issue. Communication guidance, common adaptation communication guidance + vehicle specific guidance, vehicle guidance must be clearly reflected in headings and sub-headings. Do not agree that it will be a basis for work. Recommend to list the 3 items mentioned earlier.
 - Common adaptation communication guidance
 - Common adaptation communication guidance + vehicle specific guidance
 - Vehicle specific guidance
- **Co-facilitator** - Apologise, understanding was that mandate was given.
- **EU** - Co-facilitator had communicated that the document has no specific status, a tool for us to work on. This can be a good discussion for discussion. Can find our

ideas in there, and many of the ideas are included. Still need discussion on the structure. Suggest no detailed discussion on heading, but the broad overarching category. Useful tool for us to cluster things need to be discussed in different groupings. Don't need guiding principles, but find it helpful to have the 2 options for discussion

- **US** - Think it would be a shame to go into 2018 without a clear way forward
- **Canada** - Understood that mandate was given to draft. In the opening, co-facilitator communicated this is not a final version, it is just a tool to help us move the discussion forward. Important to continue moving forward. High-level comments on the comment. EU made an important point on pre-amble. Support to return to pre-amble after the pieces have been filled in. Wonder whether item 4 and 5 can go together, and whether 5 can be consolidated in another part of the document.
- **Argentina** - Speaking for G77 and China. Need a common understanding on the options. See different ideas coming at the same time. Some options are available, some no options available. For some, there are "option: no heading". Not so sure if now is the stage to merge things. Now, need to be clear. How can we reflect that the conversation of Heading 3 "operational paragraphs" didn't take place here? Not so sure about merging Heading 1 "pre-amble" and Heading 2 "guiding". Share with colleagues to have the conversation, not sure if now is the right time. Heading 2 and Heading 5 is repetition, and try to avoid that. Have a footnote or other tool. Heading 6 and 11. Option 1 and 2 "common set" and "opt in / opt out". Option 2 is an idea by the Parties, and not exhaustive.
- **Ecuador** - Align with Argentina and G77 & China. Think differentiation is embedded in the whole process of the Paris Agreement. Willing to operationalise different Articles. ... More inclusive in different perspectives of parties. As Argentina said, there are some repetitions. ...
- **Japan** - Share the view that this is a good starting point. Identifies common understanding. In terms of headings, we have comments. Yesterday, you

(co-facilitator) focused on headings. Some info on the content below the headings would be useful

- **Saudi Arabia** - serious concern about co-facilitators issuing the document without mandate from the room. Very, very serious concern. And very, very disappointed. Request the removal of the informal draft.
- **South Africa** - **upfront dissociate xxx with G77**. this note should build on APA 1 informal note, and take info from submissions made. There are a number of headings, and some say “without title”. What is the intention behind “without title”? Support is very crucial for developing countries, and this support need to be captured as mentioned yesterday. What is the conceptual difference between ..., so that we have streamlined approach going forward. Need support and recognition of effort, it is very important for Africa group.
- **Norway** - in line with what was envisaged. We think that this is a very good starting point for our deliberations. It has grown larger and larger, and really cannot identify what is missing. Take advantage of some sort of sorting, perhaps some merging of headings when we start populating them. Like South Africa, it will be useful to understand what is expected for Section 2. Very, very pleased with Section 6. Believe quite a few useful items in here. Very useful for deliberations to know the options.
- **Malawi** - Couple of wishes, and also to support Argentina’s statement. Also South Africa, on item 3 on operational part. We indicated that we would love for the support for the adaptation communication, and this has not been reflected. Seek clarification on how does the operational part is less than the other parts of the document. Still not very clear. What does the operational part entail? Concerned about item 7. Want to get clarification. Why do we need specific element for NDC? So why is there common element?
- **Co-facilitator** - We were trying to capture views of information submitted from you, and to include them in a balanced way that start conversation between countries.

- **Malawi** - Can we then hear from the Parties that proposed for item 3?
- **Colombia** - Speaking on behalf of xxx. Align with Argentina's statement on behalf of G77 and China. Recognise it is difficult to put together views of Parties. Understand we are not yet at the stage to discuss issues at detail. Leave no Party behind. Believe this exercise is the appropriate forward. Believe the flexibility of Paris Agreement. Believe that the guidance that is negotiated will evolve over time.
- **Jamaica** - Speaking on behalf of small island states. Aligned with Argentina's statement on behalf of G77 and China. Do consider the draft a good starting point. Side-step, recall that we would have been presented a document with headings. Would have been good to have a document with just headings only, to see if the headings are appropriate. Sub-bullets were added, some clarification is needed.
- **Co-facilitator** - End of the session. 4 speakers on the list. Need the interventions to be brief.
- **US** - Many others in the room are eager to move forward. This room is for climate adaptation guidance. APA doesn't have mandate to go into vehicle guidance.
- **Uruguay** - Associate with Argentina's statement on behalf of G77 and China. See Option 1, Option 2, see Option 5... refer to same thing or different meanings? Elements. Also, regarding support for developing countries, so support Option 1. Need to specify what is meant by support, not just a general statement.
- **Co-facilitator** - Secretariat will remove the document in 10 mins.
- **Saudi Arabia** - Question for item 7. Apologise for not engaging in the discussion.
- **Argentina** - on behalf of G77 and China. Thank you for removal from website. Happy to see the note, and the inputs submitted, and the views raised today. Note the time concerns. If possible, good to have a afternoon session. Happy to provide you with mandate for iteration, just with the inclusion of comments that have been left behind.

- **Co-facilitator** - Will not have a new iteration document today. Continue working on it. A new iteration will be prepared before Monday. Come this afternoon to tell if any elements are missing, and where things could be collapsed, or better indicated. Meeting adjourned.