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Co-facilitator: During our meeting yesterday we had roundtable discussions, and then parties agreed to allow committee to take inputs and pull them together into one skeleton, as based on guidance from co-chairs. Will have printed before end of today's session.

Now want to have a discussion on linkages.

Argentina: on behalf of G-77 and China, our group needs time in order to digest proposals. Our understanding of session is that we work with headings and subheadings. We'd like to have further explanation of this approach of linkages, which we hadn't agreed to before... we'd only agreed to skeleton.

Co-facilitator: As discussed yesterday, we want to try to use today's time to our best advantage... yesterday we had even discussed linkages as a possibility if the skeleton wasn't ready.

Argentina: We have already put on table a proposal of G-77. We would like to hear from other parties and groups their own proposals here from the floor.

Co-facilitator: Actually, skeleton hard copies have just arrived. Give us a minute, and we should have time to distribute hard copies.

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Hard copies distributed to all, with time to review (see images below).

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Co-facilitator: Colleagues, we're in the mode now of not leaving any options behind, not trying to reduce subheadings, content, etc.

This is our best efforts at reflecting all of our efforts from your roundtable breakout groups, submissions last nights, etc. Want to get us to a point that reflects one skeleton with all of the options put toward us.

Open floor to general views/ first reactions.

Argentina: Want to reiterate that we need material in advance to coordinate before the session. Please try to reconsider/ postpone this session. We cannot react from the floor to something coming from the session. We have no electronic copy, just paper copy.

Also, this proposal's headings/ subheadings are a bit confusing. Would like to discuss.

Doesn't seem to reflect what was tabled yesterday. We don't understand everything as subheadings (a&b) to be subheadings, etc. Item 5 is also confusing.

Switzerland: Thanks – seems to reflect a lot of input. Also not able to discuss with my colleagues... would like to carry forward with them further first. Subheadings also seem a bit premature – we propose to fix the headings first, then continue with subheadings.

New Zealand: We understand time is always an enemy, so not always possible to get everything timely. We'd rather discuss substance than what's a heading vs. subheading.

We're also disappointed by the balance... e.g., nothing under section 6, as opposed to previous bullets. We look forward to being able to work with this paper and further populate some of these areas. {Didn't catch further comments.}

Ecuador: on behalf of LNDs: Also important for us to meet within our party to get a common understanding. This is not an approach we were discussing yesterday – we seek further guidance on purpose of these two points (overarching and guidance).

Australia: Thanks for the late night work. Also reiterate New Zealand: importance of substance + improved balance in this document. Under 6 elements, a lot has been missed: cooperation, info sharing & learning, monitoring & eval, risks, vulnerabilities, etc. Not just focus on support side of communication, but also action.

EU: We also prefer that if papers are not finished, then we delay the session. That said, thanks for your work. We understand this list is meant to reflect the order and outcome of this session. Useful overall list, but headings and subheadings (re: pts 6 and 7) are also imbalanced – lots of content for some, little for others. Need to agree that these are just indications of content... missing the most important part of the document.

Kuwait: on behalf of Arab states, Thanks for work and efforts – need more time, as others have said. Re: point 7 – seems like this should be under 6, because it's also an element. Re: point 2, should say at the end, “for developing countries.” We look forward to discussing further.

Co-facilitator: this was just our best effort, not to include everything.

Malawi: Why two parts? Difference between overarching and guidance? And what's the link between the two?

Co-facilitator: This is based on what we saw from submissions – overarching vs. guidance often came up in parties' submissions.

Uruguay: Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay – align with G77, have made great advances in general regard and need to move forward on skeleton guide. Which are headings and which are content?

Some headings have content and others don't. Also vehicles vs. communicating – I assume these are different headings for submission.

Japan: Thanks also for your work. Share views with colleagues on issues of balancing content in this paper. Question of subheadings. 4a) could be subheadings, but bcd could be elements or purpose. This paper is mixed up with subheadings and content. 1ab under preamble = content. So if we can streamline would be great to have more concise headings and subheadings.

Areas of convergence from roundtables = preamble, etc. So we should discuss headings first, before we go deeper into them.

Jamaica: speaking on behalf of AOSIS... was Secretariat able to identify areas of divergence? In some areas there appear to be convergence because only one option, but other areas have options so does that mean that's the only areas of divergence? If we could identify areas of divergence, would help us to advance discussion rather than rehash points.

Co-facilitator: this is a tool to facilitate that conversation – we tried to include all main areas of possible divergence.

South Africa: on behalf of African Group and G77, compartmentalization of overarching and guidance principles – would be helpful to understand conceptual approach. Also need time to digest.

Please be brief, remaining speakers.

Norway: Still new items coming up... gets more complicated and creative... Might help to look at guide in Art. 7 of Paris Agreement. Two headings – overarching and guidance... importance to keep focus on the elements that should populate, e.g., communication – lessons learned, monitoring and evaluations, etc. Not sure if it would be helpful to continue and discuss in detail – maybe start with two headings.

Argentina: Way forward: Please provide us more time to digest and then we can come back to next session with proposals for change. We need to engage, and this is the moment to engage. Colleagues also do the same. Please make no further iteration, but work from this document.

Co-facilitator: Parties please focus on headings for when you come back tomorrow.

Saudi Arabia: focus on areas of divergence or convergence.

China: Adaptation communication categories have not been discussed before. Overarching should be title for option.

Co-facilitator: no new iteration, this version will now be posted online, engage further tomorrow on substance and headings.

Preliminary material in preparation for the first iteration of the informal note
APA Agenda Item 4: 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 Paris Agreement

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Upon request of Parties at the first informal consultation on 8 November 2017, this is the Co-facilitators' attempt to informally capture the headings and subheadings expressed by Parties in their inputs provided on 8 November, in the outputs of the break out groups at the APA round table on 4 November, and in their submissions. This material has been prepared under the Co-facilitators' own responsibility and thus has no formal status. The content is not exhaustive. It does not represent agreed views, ideas or text. The options presented in this material are not necessarily mutually exclusive.

I. Overarching

1. Preamble/introduction

- A. References to relevant provisions and decisions
- B. Paragraphs to set the context for an adaptation communication
- C. ...

2. Guiding principles

- A. References to relevant guiding principles
- B. General characterization of what the adaptation communication should and should not be
- C. ...

3. Operational paragraphs

- A. Adopting and applying the guidance
- B. Reviewing the guidance
- C. Modalities for submitting and updating an adaptation communication
- D. ...

II. Guidance for adaptation communications

4. Purpose

- A. Purposes related to communication of adaptation
- B. Visibility and profile of adaptation
- C. Purposes related to global stocktake and the global goal on adaptation
- D. Purposes related to enhancing actions and support
- E. ...

5. Approach

6. Option 1: Elements

Option 2: Content

- A. Common set of elements

B. Additional / opt in opt out

C. ...

7. Adaptation Elements Identified for NDCs

A. Common adaptation information

B. Information on adaptation actions that result in mitigation co-benefits

C. Information on economic diversification efforts

D. Information on sustainable development efforts

E. ...

8. Option 1: Vehicles

Option 2: Communicating

A. Overview of possible vehicles identified by Parties

B. Provisions to facilitate the use of specific vehicles

C. Timing/frequency

D. ...

9. Linkages

A. Global stocktake

B. Transparency

C. Finance

D. Technology

E. Capacity-building

F. Registry

G. Work of the constituted bodies

H. ...

10. Option 1: Support

Option 2: Support needs

A. For preparation and submission of the adaptation communication

B. For the implementation of the needs, priorities, plans and strategies included in the adaptation communication according to Article 7, paragraph 13, of the Paris Agreement

C. Finance, technology and capacity-building provided by developed country Parties to developing country Parties according to the modalities of provision of support to be developed

D. ...

11. Flexibility

12. Other matters

A. Cross-cutting issues to be considered when developing an adaptation communication

B. Definition and guidance note

C. Any information that could be useful in clarifying adaptation communications

D. ...