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SB 48, APA Agenda item 5 (transparency)

17:00-18:00, Bangkok

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Next steps: Co-facilitators will post first iteration of a revised informal note tonight/ASAP. Next APA informal consultation Thursday, 3 May, 10:00-11:00 on technical expert review and the facilitative multilateral consideration of progress.

My shorthand/acronyms:

GROUP/Country intervening on behalf of group: (other group/party statements supported by group/country)
CF = co-facilitator
ID = identify
MPGs = modalities, procedures, and guidelines
PA = Paris Agreement
PAWP = Paris Agreement Work Program
§ = section
Art = article
Re = regarding
L&D = loss and damage
NIR = national inventory reports
FTCB = finance, technology transfer, and capacity building
TER = technical expert review
FMCP = facilitative, multilateral consideration of progress
... = missed intervention (sorry)

Informal note:

https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/bonn_nov_2017/application/pdf/apa_5_informal_note_final_version.pdf

CF Gao: May be able to get a few additional time slots for next week. How to streamline informal note?

Singapore (G77&China)

- Two step approach to session.
 - Informal note can be better organized. Light revisions for coherence, readability; rearranging some elements, but don't remove any elements. Revised version available before second informal consultation.
 - If revised version acceptable, can substantively engage on elements, eg providing explanations, clarifications, elaborations on elements to better understand positions and make options clearer. Elements in decision text v MPGs. ID key elements for us to focus on during informal consultations.
- Any possible outcome document not necessarily text for negotiation but clarifying text.

Gao

- Will issue new document.
- Six aims

- ID different options in informal in as clear and concise manner as possible re flexibility.
- Ensure all elements in CF informal note clear and fully elaborated.
- Legal nature of MPGs consistent PA.
- Essential elements to CMA decision.
- Further parties understanding of interlinkages with other PAWP items.
- Parties understanding of key issues.

Can take up all other issues than A-H in informal informals, if so desired.

- Saturday evening will issue another revision

Brazil:

- Concern re issuing revised informal note. If we go issue by issue debate, we'll only see what you've captured on Saturday. Rather, better to see pieces before we get to Saturday and how individual discussions reflected.

Gao

- Tentative schedule, to be posted on website:
 - 3 May, Thu, 10:00-11:00 (TER and FMCP) (§§ G,H)
 - 3 May, Thu, 11:00-12:00 (tracking progress and GHG inventories (§§ B,C)
 - 4 May, Fri, 12:00-13:00 (support) (§§ E,F)
 - 5 May, Sat, 12:00-13:00 (support cont'd) (§§ E,F) (and adaptation if time permits)
 - 5 May, Sat, 15:00-16:00 (adaptation) (§ A)

Ecuador (LMDCs)

- We could at least trace where paras went/came from. Can we ensure that we don't get lose as we reshuffle/merge document?

Brazil

- Still struggling to understand the six elements. Please tell us what these six things are and what we do with each of them at each of these sessions and then list key elements.

Andrew

- Would like to hear more re LMDC proposal from others
- These are elements contained in reflections note
 - 1 ID different options in informal in as clear and concise manner as possible re flexibility.
 - 2 ensure all elements clear and fully elaborated
 - 3 discuss legal nature of MPGs ("shall's and should's")
 - 4 capture essential elements necessary for COP decision to adopt MPGs
 - 5 Further parties understanding of relevant interlinkages with other PAWP items
 - 6 ensure time, space to allow for clear understanding of parties' views on following issues:
 - Sec A:
 - which elements of sec A are most appropriate for 1) mpgs, 2) COP CMA decisions and/or 3) overarching considerations to guide MPGs
 - elements of COP and CMA decisions
 - Sec B (NIR)

- methodologies, parameters, data
- Sectors and gases
- Time series
- Submission process and reporting formats
- Sec C (info necessary to track progress)
 - Description of party's NDC, including updates
 - Progress made in implementing, achieving NDC to date
 - Projections of GHG emissions, removals as applicable
 - Linkage between info on accounting under Art 6 and our work
- Sec D
 - Linkage between development of MPGs for sec D and guidance for adaptation communications under APA item 4
 - Info related to L&D
- Sec E (info on FTCB support provided and mobilized)
 - MPGs for this agenda item and finance modalities
 - Difference if any between MPGs for developed and other countries that provide support
 - Linkage if any between Art 11.4 communications on CB and MPGs for CB support provided
 - (more general discussion) what specific quantitative should MPGs request from developed country parties and others that provide support
- Sec F.12 (reporting formats for FTCB needed and received)
 - Sec B7 – relationship between sec and F.8
 - Sec C12 - relationship between sec and F.8
- Sec G (TER)
 - Scope
 - Format of TER
 - Frequency
- Sec H (FMCP)
 - Format and steps
 - Timing

Brazil

- We might propose some additional elements to be dealt with in specific sections, if needed
- When you plan to issue revised informal note?

South Africa

- Would prefer to see sections on daily basis
- We'll study carefully and come back to you
- If you do reorganize informal note, then important to track shifting notation scheme
- Planning to release first iteration tonight ?

Andrew

- Intend to address Brazil's question; South Africa supports

- Raising other issues: we made a careful point not to characterize them as key issues or rank order them; always feel free to raise issues
- First iteration/streamlined version: online tonight

KSA (Arab Group)

- Good place with informal note.
- Singapore's two-step approach useful
- Share interest with LMDCs and South Africa to trace changes if made so we can see our elements as communicated and in the right place.
- No informal informals; delegations with limited capacity and ensure we can all participate fully.
- Ability to see changes as we go along would be helpful

Switzerland (EIG)

- Support approach outlined.
- Concerned re small amount of time.
- Understand small del problem but willing to work long hours.

US

- Comfort with proposed way forward. Keen to work with parties on substance.
- Concerned re small amount of time. Opportunity for more time would be appreciated.
- Reflect updates to notes every night – could be done on website, but would be concerned if we took time from the day's discussion to go over the prior day's discussion.
- Helpful to see where point was moved.
- Keen to have discussions with parties in other spaces if not informal informals.

Australia

- Outline of issues shows how much work to be done.
- We work constructively but concerned about limited time.

EU

- Support approach outlined.
- Not necessary to track all the changes made. Focus should be on document easier to read and understand than the current one.
- Mandate to capture essential elements to be captured in COP/CMA decision: will lead to structural change of informal note because it currently does not have section on COP/CMA decision.
- Share concerns re time. Can we have rooms for additional discussions to work outside informal consultation to work with one another to get work done?
- Making revised text available early; difficult for you, nice for us. Important that we continue with planned work with sessions even if we can get revised texts.

Chile (AILAC)

- Reasonable approach
- Track changes, maybe not using Track Changes per se but para numbers
- Support informal informals considering limited time

RMI

- Support approach.

- Essential this mandate completed by COP 24; this task most challenging of all. Support efforts for more time. Wouldn't stand in way of parties who want informal informals.
- Support iterations promptly uploaded to website.

Ecuador (LMDCs)

- US and Chile suggestions reasonable.
- Time limited. We're dealing with complex issue. Don't be stickler for time just because we're pressed for it. Recognize that complexity of issues requires thorough discussion.

Andrew

- Broad support for revising after we complete discussions
- LMDC question on tracking changes: identifies where paras are now located (new number?)
- Limited in informal consultations and heard discomfort with informal informals; informal informal informals are the only way forward. Encourage you, in particular tomorrow, for you to find time to discuss issues.

China (aligned with G77, LMDCs)

- Emphasize we don't want to lose any points/proposals
- Informal informal informals