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SB 48, APA Agenda item 6 (GST)
12:00-13:00, Genf
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Next steps: Next informal consultation TBS Friday, May 4 afternoon.

My shorthand/acronyms:

GROUP/Country intervening on behalf of group: (other group/party statements supported by group/country) CF = co-facilitator CG = contact group ID = identify PA = Paris Agreement PAWP = Paris Agreement Work Program SBs = subsidiary bodies AC = Adaptation Committee LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group SCF = Standing Committee on Finance WIM = Warsaw International Mechanism (on Loss and Damage) CBDR = common but differentiated responsibilities § = section ¶ = paragraph Art = article Re = regarding LTGs = long-term goals L&D = loss and damage TORs = terms of reference MOI = means of implementation FD = facilitative dialogue LEDS = long-term low emissions development strategies SED = Structured Expert Dialogue … = missed intervention (sorry)

Informal note:
https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/informal_note_final_version_14nov2017_1500.pdf

CF remarks:
- Intend to conclude this exercise in this slot and work towards next iteration along lines of questions we gave yesterday.

Norway (finishing responding to question by G77&China at last session):
- Strongly in favor of differentiation as captured in PA. We have good guidance on going forward on this.
  - E.g., GST shall recognize developing countries' adaptation efforts; it shall assess adequacy of support. Clear mandate reflecting this principle in GST.
  - E.g., Art 9.6, GST shall take into account relevant info on provision of support.

    - E.g. Art 10.5, similar mandate for GST to take into account available info on efforts to support on TT for developing countries.
- Important that when we design we GST we're specific to the GST; we're talking about the implementation of the PA and capture the parameters in a specific way and address mandates.

Australia:
- To questions on equity and CBDR, they're inherent in GST and its design in three ways: in the process, in participation, and context (PA).
    - Process: Equity in governance, e.g. appointment of overarching bodies and facilitators.
    - Participation: Ensure open to all parties and non-parties.
    - Context: Clear PA signal that it's conducted in the light of equity. CBDR brought to bear in NDCs.

CF: Filling material gaps in informal note.

Ecuador:
- Appreciate clarifications from Norway and Australia.
- For G77, what we would like to see as we progress is equity and CBDR references. How to be operationalized is another topic for another day. Essential aspect of equity is inadequate referencing of issues dear to our hearts, e.g. L&D and response measures. One of ways we can reflect efforts for more explicit references on those items is to take from G77's submission and see where elements can be inserted.
- Part of technical phase is a consideration of how equity will be made operational.
- Under guidance, include language on further considerations of equity.

U.S.:
- Key inputs laid out clearly in PA and Paris decision
- Many areas of consensus in informal note
- GST succinct and flexible framework to leverage already existing bodies and inputs.

EU:
- Equity discussion: will reflect on proposals.
- Preparatory phase and timing and duration of technical phase. Probably not needed to indicate precise timing for inputs. Clear indication to SBs and parties to prepare inputs well in advance. Let's just not list inputs but the body or bodies responsible for inputs. Invitation plus identification.
- Substantial TORs or guidance for each of the technical dialogues.
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- On structure of political phase, dedicated political ministerial segment in 2023 and every 5 years thereafter to capture political commitments, e.g. formal declaration.

Ghana (AGN) (supporting G77):
- Technical phase, in each workstream, identified questions to be answered much like Talanoa Dialogue. Determine fair share of effort using recommended pathways using IPCC assessment. Do for all workstreams (mitigation, adaptation, and MOI). Findings from technical assessment, including on equity, moves to post-GST phase where parties will update and enhance NDCs.

South Africa (support G77 & AGN):

- Strengthen informal note around equity, adaptation, support
- Recommended additions:
  - Activity A (p4) under “Call for Inputs” that calls for taking stock of enhanced implementation on adaptation, taking into account adaptation communications and including inputs from AC and LEG working with SCF
  - Activity B (p5) under “Guidance” and TOR, adding language on adaptation and review of adequacy and effectiveness of support provided for adaptation and review overall progress towards global goal on adaptation and under “placeholder for ongoing relevant work,” a reference to technical consideration of recognition of adaptation efforts of developing countries

Japan:
- Durable framework but need for future flexibility without needing to renegotiate; include language on improving technical aspects of how GST conducted based on experiences
- Activity B: technical dialogues under a joint SBI/SBSTA CG
- (detailed intervention; CF asked her to forward to secretariat)

India (aligned w/ G77&China):
- Greater explicit reference to equity and in concrete terms, not just overarching or general terms
- Informal note must more clearly bring out leadership of developed countries
- “Support for effective and equitable participation” (p3): avoid using any qualifications
  - Adjustment of modalities on same page – linkage of GST with FD 2018, if linkage to be established the Marrakech 2016 FD should also be considered. Maybe discussion of whether we want 2018 FD linked at all.
- LEDS strategies should be made voluntary or optional for countries, based on national capacities

Maldives (AOSIS) (associated w/ G77):
- WIM as a source of technical input
- Timing and duration sub-topic should be informed by A, B, and C activities
- Importance of support for participation
- Activity A timing and duration: could start asking bodies to start producing inputs from 2020 on when we have next NDCs. Online platform ideal.
- Activity B would overlap with Activity A, so we can collect more information.
- Prefer to have discussion in open forum with thematic discussions sequentially instead of in parallel.
  - L&D

KSA (Arab Group) (aligned w/ G77&China):
- Reference to sustainable development should be in modalities and overarching principles
- It’s not enough for GST to be informed by UNFCCC experts; should include reference to other forums

Brazil (Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay) (supporting G77&China):
- Gathering, compiling, considering inputs should be guided by equity and best available science
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Norway:

- Hear parties' desire to have process guided by Art 2 LTGs, but link; fine to have overarching, guiding questions, but important that we're more specific when it comes to the GST. Review questions designed now not to micromanage but to give us an opportunity over time to see how we progress.

<u>NZ</u>:
- On page 3, Activity A, under timing: capture notion that inputs received in time for Activity B. Timing of Activity A needs to be calibrated to nature of activity as well as timing of Activity B.
- On page 4, under Compilation and synthesis, good to include notion of synthesis.

<u>Canada</u>:
- Looking at areas that might clash
- Revising text for clearer narrative
- Section 2 on modalities and overarching elements: overall timing and duration of process; some elements similar but clarity about adequate timing to conduct GST might be mine and reconcile options here with points on timing and duration throughout various activities. Heading on 'management of inputs,' all might be better placed under Activity A.
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<u>Colombia (AILAC) (aligned with G77)</u>:

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<u>RMI</u>:
- Support point on SDGs
- GST and achieving Art 2 LTG
- Activity B structure: favor SED review structure. Would like to explore whether and why parties have any reservations.