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Please note – I tried to capture much of what was said. In places where I was unclear I tried to include a note. If I missed something or misunderstood something, my apologies.

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Introductory thoughts from the co-facilitators

- The informal note from APA 1.4 is a good basis for work at this session.
- Work is stabilizing nicely
- We understand there is a desire to seek further clarification on view in informal note and add missing elements as appropriate
- Please come forth with views to help others understand
- Note - seeking clarity does not equal opposition
- At this point - we will not be deleting any views.
- Want to focus on substance and then transition to text
- Informal/in formals are available if parties so desire
- Iterations of informal notes will be issued as group progresses. It will summarize what co-f have heard as work moves forward.

Saudi Arabia
Not prepared for inf/inf - for small delegations it is becoming complicated.
Co-f - clarified - they are not proposing to hold inf/inf - just that there are rooms available
SA response - OK - but not with the support of the secretariat or the support of the co-f. Fine to do over coffee - but we have to stick with the process.

Clarifications and Elaboration on views from Nov Informal Note

Maldives - informal note is mish-mashed and it is a difficult and sometimes incoherent read - in general we see that the inclusion of L and D is not presented - as well as bodies relevant to L and D. Input of WIM and the workplan would be part of the GST

II. Modalities

- **Maldives** - re timing and duration - ****did not follow this point*****
- **Solomon Islands - LDCs -** overarching elements - all articles of PA including Loss and Damage. Reference has been made to other core elements - we would like to include LandD as well.

- **EU** - relates to guiding elements - we see article 14 as a firm basis for GS - want a confirmation of article 14 as a basis. And emphasizes that he GS is guided by the long term goals of the PA. Should spell out that there are three workstreams in the technical phase. Also want clear understanding that within the three workstreams cross cutting elements can be taken into consideration. Want to identify inputs for each workstream.
- **Colombia - AILAC** - Want to make sure that all parties views are in the informal note. It is important that we are not designing a 2023 GST - but rather a whole process. Important to have a durable and flexible modalities and structure that will be workable over time. Reflections on building blocks:
    - Overarching - must be conducted in light of equity. The approach comes from the input of parties.
    - Outcome should reflect ways which each part in a nationally determined matter
- **Saudi Arabia** - We also need to capture the principles in the convention our work should be comprehensive. We should be comprehensive in approach wrt the GST - should consider mitigation, adaption and means of implementation. Should emphasize that it is party driven. Equity is very important to be considered. Need to always continue to refer to the best available science.
- ??Canada?? - *** did not follow this well**** additions in the overall process - general guidance of outputs overall. Wrt timing - it is important to add that parties sufficiently understand
- **Australia** - we see a path forward in the note - there are core elements we can refine. We agree that these need to be durable over time. Two points:
    - Structure of GST and supporting modalities - need clarity on what is being assessed note mentions possible workstreams under governance - we would like to see additional clarity and reflect idea of workstream throughout the note.
    - Additional clarity on inputs - we see potential for slimming suggestions on inputs. We think we need credible evidence base to inform GST. We feel there is duplication in the ntoes. Inputs should be mandated organized and fed into GST in a manner that has parties consider them ahead of technical discussions. Important for the success - that parties can have informed technical discussions. We think that organization of inputs will be an important account of progress.
- **Grenada -** should give additional consideration to
    - The inf note does not note the differences in the option - it is difficult to appreciate the differences in the context they are proposed. We have lost the context. Hard to see which address silo approach and which address integrated approach. Could be picked up on governance section. I like headings - maybe do a matrix approach so that you can see how things fit across
- **Brazil** - **BAU** - the inf note as a starting point - is good. How should elements be formulated in a btter way? We need to transform what we have in bullets to narrative text so that it is more readable for negotiation. To do so - we propose to identify issues and reflect them as different options. This will help us have a more clear picture.
- **New Zealand** - note is useful to move through work. Agree that greater clarity would be desired. Sees that context is not lost - think note applies ability for all parties to put forth views. We agree we need the contextual clarity - but that exists in the submissions out forth by parties.
- **Norway** - we believe that there are many commonalities - so it benefits being clustered together the way the note is now. There are more things that join us than separates us. We hope we keep options on table. Echo importance of keeping the structure and the process very closely linked to the long term goals in the PA. Important to assess what is in the PA. Important for GST to be conducted in light of equity and best available science.

- **Korea -** *** missed some of statement**** want to focus discussion on contexts detailed in inf note - which reflect parties submissions.
- **Philippines -** Under element of governance to further define process of clearing inputs from various sources (???)
- **China** - understand status of inf notes. We should find pathway form the inf note…several concerns on note - want more comprehensive linkage - with other elements of PA. Second concern - context of outputs should be balanced - we should consider progress made - not just gaps and what best practices we have gained and lessons learned. The review 2013 - 2015 is a good reference for us.
- **Ecuador - G77/China** - Document is a good way to move forward. Comments indicate more work needed to adequately reflect what parties are saying. Q to Australia and Norway - Looking at workstream relating to 2.1 a (long term goal for temp) and 2 - adaptation and - finance wrt low emissions pathways - question - If you were to have these three workstreams would you see CBDR and equity as the lense through progress would be addressed? That is an essential integrated package. ****I am not sure I got this down correctly.*****
- **India -** operationalizing of equity in GST - when capturing the mechanisms - I feel the inf note that will eventually develop- the note should bring out the leadership of developed countries for more ambitious climate action.

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