

9 May 2018
SB 48, APA agenda item 5 (transparency)
12:00-13:00
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My shorthand/acronyms:

GROUP/Country intervening on behalf of group: (other group/party statements supported by group/country)
ABU = Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay
CF = co-facilitator
ID = identify
MPGs = modalities, procedures, and guidelines
PA = Paris Agreement
PAWP = Paris Agreement Work Program
§ = section
¶ = paragraph
Art = article
Re = regarding
CRP = conference room paper
GST = global stocktake
BKK = Bangkok
HODs = heads of delegations
... = missed intervention (sorry)

Light revision informal note:

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/APA%20item%205_informal%20note_Final%20iteration_08052018.pdf

CF Andrew: Commend parties for substantive discussions, while recognizing only a number of issues taken up in this session and still need to address the remainder of issues. Turn the question of additional time and space to work back to you.

We'll forward note to APA co-chairs, goes into broader discussion about specific APA conclusions from this session. We've been instructed not take up specific next steps for this item. Strongly encourage you to communicate your views via your HODs or consult us bilaterally.

Singapore (G77&China):

- We need more time in BKK; ensure time to discuss all aspects in comprehensive and balanced manner.
- If pre-session workshop, it should allow for full participation and allow us to engage constructively.

Ecuador (LMDCs) (aligned w/ G77):

- Latest iteration should include disclaimer on exact nature of headings
- Balanced time between items; spent a lot of time on NDC-tracking and related sections. Differentiation in text and not in addressing of issues. Urge more time given to those issues we didn't have time for here for balance and comprehensiveness.

CF Andrew: On disclaimer proposal, will take note and come back and address later.

KSA (Arab Group) (aligned with G77 and LMDCs):

- Can share our disclaimer language now. Sub-headings simply to facilitate discussions and not part of draft elements. Important to reinsert.
- Agree with moving forward on informal note with one important additions: footnote at end of point 1, references to our shared concerns on how some comments not communicated the way we wanted or moved. "Note that group of parties have raised concerns that their inputs have been moved or not captured in manner communicated. Such comments will be reflected in future iterations."
- Allocation of time: agree with others that we need more time to discuss the other issues. Sec's A and D, in particular.
- Clarity on how sub-sec's not addressed within Part I will be addressed. Treat all sec's equally.

Maldives (AOSIS) (aligned w/ G77):

- Generally comfortable with revised informal note
- Agree about sufficient and balanced time allocation
- Urgent need to move towards negotiation text; support approach that will move us in direction while not losing any views

US:

- Thought we made progress in the sec's discussed; not sure fully captured but hopeful we keep in mind progress made in the various fora.
- Request for sufficient time in BKK: only able to advance work if we discuss all topics.
- Appreciated you didn't cut off discussions.

Bhutan (LDCs) (aligned w/ G77): Support pre-sessional workshop to discuss issues particularly of interlinkages

EU:

- Note is balanced, correct presentation of discussions. Recognize that it was focused on some elements. Remaining issues do need to be discussed but would not prioritize them.
- Not totally happy with impression that note creates because inserted approaches, particularly those not mutually exclusive; looks like parties are more divided than we are.
- Urgently need to move towards negotiating text

Brazil (ABU) (support G77):

- If pre-sessional work, must ensure full participation, not just by negotiators but by experts too
- Thank you for capturing views; some omissions and needs for correction. Read out and will convey list.
- Concern: approach to use "approach" (instead of "options") good attempt in this session to help us move forward but created some confusion. Take different approach next time.

South Africa (AGN) (support G77):

- Request to CRP we submitted yesterday jointly with AILAC to be noted
- Important to have adequate time for all sections and balance between sections

- Support process of some kind for looking at interlinkages at pre-sessional workshop, looking at SBSTA work on finance and the work here on support, and linkages to item 4, linkage to GST, and to implementation and compliance
- Agree with Brazil's point with capturing flexibility

CF Andrew:

- We'll add disclaimer language and footnote
- Pre-sessional work: took note of concerns and requests; APA co-chairs will determine
- Proposals re additional edits and comments: send to us directly

EU: Footnotes, clarify that footnote comes from 1-2 groups of parties so it's clear in the text.

China (aligned with G77):

- Some specific elements missing from our proposals but will discuss bilaterally
- Concerns re time and balanced approach
- Pre-sessional workshop interest; stress need to have larger participation of experts if we're to discuss interlinkages
- Need more time and space to discuss remaining issues

Chile (AILAC):

- Some views still missing and would like opportunity to provide comments in written form
- Concern with time allocation and way forward.
- Joint proposal on division of labor between this session and next. Support reference in informal note.

Egypt (support G77&China):

- Support revised note once proposed changes included
- Need for balanced approach to the different sections

Indonesia: Balance not necessarily about time but depth and capacity

Iran: Approach can take us to end; appreciate your efforts to take all views

ROK (EIG): Great job in trying to incorporate all views. Concerns: need more time to discuss issues in balanced way. Keeping momentum of discussion. Propose group photo after meeting.

Australia: ...

US: Liked KSA suggestion to accord disclaimer to group of parties. Reference to conference room paper, comfortable if it includes all those submitted.

... [had to leave early for a meeting]