

Second informal session - Thursday, May 3, 2018, 17-18pm, Tokyo

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Synthesis of the session :

- Most Parties agreed on the structure and highlight the importance to start working on the content
- The chair invited Parties to have a look to the document relative to duplications and proposed to work on sections 5,6 and 7 during the next session

Meeting started at 17:11

Co-Facilitator

- Tool circulated last night
- Transferred the text from informal note from COP to structure proposed by G77, only copy and paste
- Gives floor to confirm it's acceptable

Japan

None of us understood this intervention

Co-Facilitator

- We really cut and paste with precision and accuracy
- We found challenges in transfers : some titles and structures did not exactly match
We had a section on "support" : this is where discussions should take place
- We had informal conversations in order to have clearer information.
In section 5, page 3 of the tool "modalities for...". That used to be under title of support. That discussion should take place here so we would like to write "support".
We want to present that to you and see if there is objections?
No flags raised so suppose this is fine
- In general titles are for reference so may not go in final version. This is just to ease the discussion further

Argentina on behalf of G77 and China:

- We want to provide more narrative to this text
- Asks to add a footnote to the word "decision" that will not affect the final decision
- Debated within the group on the headings : option with no headings is not applicable as it is too hard to read
- Asks to delete such options as it is only a matter of structure
- Asks to put the context that was provided in the last informal note in the new informal note

EU:

- Confirms that this is a good structure. It will help us move forward. We can see where work is needed to provide a better view
- We confirm that we would like to work on this basis
- Similar as G77 on these options called "no heading" and Japan talked yesterday about not wanting titles. On old title, had different meaning : "no cluster".
Final outcome may not have a heading. Not clear why we have this in some sections and not in others.
- We should try to move on substantial discussions. I'd like to highlight annex 1 that we really see as the heart of the guidance. Important to have time to work on this part. Its is quite difficult to read with all copy paste in different options. Would be really useful to have that streamlined.

Norway:

- We have a better starting point now to get in the substance
- Responding to G77 and EU regarding option on no heading. We gave input to that during last session.

USA:

- Good to start talking about content, a lot a work need to be done
- Work has to be done so that intentions stay true. When said “no heading” it was for the section. “no heading” was an option for discussion. But it doesn’t make sens anymore, no insisting anymore.

Co-Facilitator:

- The text is not final. Just a tool and remain open to inputs.

New Zealand:

- Agrees with the other parties on opportunities for streamlining
- Some things from the element section must be in other sections

Co-Facilitator:

- We want to transform tool into informal note, we want to see this text evolve to something more readable.
- We need to agree on another work now that we agreed on the structure
- There are many things we can do (repetitions, ideas need to be streamlight...).
- We could go section by section and not necessary in the order.

South Africa on behalf of African group:

- Would like to bring attention, the text is not accurate. Omission one very important information : a paragraph (which?)

Canada:

- Agrees to streamline
- Hopes there will be time to work on repetitions

China:

- “No headings” would not help us understand, sub-headings on the “no headings” could help understand

Japan:

- Thinks on how they can proceed
- Suggests to focus on preamble
- Discussing sections one by one may help

USA:

- Still talking about structure and not content
- Would like to hear about narrative
- Would not support subheadings, now is the time to streamlight

EU:

- How we can move forward: annex 1 part is very important. This part is perhaps not fully naviguable. Many paragraphs look the same. Would like attempt from you to organize this not to have repetitions. That would be an important step.
- After that, need to discuss substance. Start working on sections. How many for each session? Try to go through the ones we agree on. Not sure start from the beginning is

the best way forward. Some groups want to talk about support. Would like to discuss element parts. Discuss some of the clusters.

Co-Facilitators take 2 minutes to consult

Argentina on behalf of G77 and China :

- Proposes to allow CO-Facilitators to prepare the informal note
- This note could take on board different comments heard from the floor today
- Proposes to work on two sections a day
- Parties should know in advance which sections will be tackled the next day
- Reluctant to take elements tomorrow as the group needs one more day before working on annex 1
- Could work on support or another topic

Kuwait:

- As said by China : not a good option to streamline right now.
- We are missing some points : need to put all though in the document and then start streamline
- Need to coordinate with G77 to have a position

China:

- Fully support G77 suggestion
- When 2016 we used same approach, to just list a lot of key words, and it didn't work
- Structure still has a lot of different view. Agenda item 4 is very slow but it is important for developing countries.
- It is important for developing countries to identify categories of information the most important

Co-Facilitator:

- We received many suggestions that will be added in a new version as a first iteration
- We invite parties to look again at the table with the repetitions.
- We have a new table with the new text that will come with more context than the first table
- It is non necessary to go in order so we could start by the support section
- Suggestion : section 5,6,7
- Two hour session for tomorrow : 4-6 in Bangkok
- Will distribute an update of table of repetition and then go into substance