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11am APA CONTACT GROUP Item 6 (Chamber Hall)

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- Published second iteration of informal note yesterday, prepared under co-chairs responsibility, aiming to summarize parties' views
- Retained approach
 - o Identified common ground
 - o Summarized proposals as options
- Ask to make this the outcome of this session
- G77:
 - o Still some concern about the reflection, but good way to capture discussion
 - o Questions about annex, e.g., non-exhaustiveness of questions, questions reflecting party submissions
 - o Possible Corrections: add footnote on p. 7 or change title to add caveats that the annex does not represent any decision
 - o Group asks for greater clarification re co-facilitators deal with the last hour of negotiations
- AOSIS
 - o Generally comfortable with this version, but there are a couple of comments/submissions they have made last week (submitted by a number of parties), that have not been picked up
 - o Clarification offered:
 - P. 2 Governance, under options, need new bullet on joint contact group supported by technical dialogue/interactive process, in which input will be evaluated from thematic process; focus on technical work, interaction between parties and those who have prepared the input; have its own co-facilitators responsible for conducting the process and creating output
 - Parallel addition to p. 7 (Activity B): on structure: add option for "Technical Dialogue": "carried out through an interactive technical dialogue among parties and the providers of inputs in which all thematic areas will be considered
 - Practical arrangements: new bullet: The Technical Dialogue will be facilitated by co-facilitators ...
- EU
 - o Documents reflects discussions well with 2 exceptions
 - o Possible corrections:
 - P.9: presentation and consideration of inputs; need sub-bullet on finance flows, progress towards long-term goals, noting status of parties' collaborative efforts, options for enhancing action and int'l cooperation
 - P. 9 Sources of input, building block on guidance: Additional bullet on options for enhancing action and int'l cooperation
 - o Remaining time: see merit in discussing timelines, conceptual discussion on basis of timelines → encouragement to merge ideas at later phase based on enhanced understanding
 - Document is a tool, incomplete, but would help us to clarify understanding of different concepts

- Norway
 - o Find this is a good reflection, but share some concerns of G77& China re Annexes
 - o Important that these are considered integrated part of the text
 - o Need to have clear idea WHAT the GST is going to assess
 - o Would like next session to be more targeted discussion on timelines
- New Zealand
 - o Clarify point from last session: sources of input (p. 9): overall effect of NDCs of parties; had suggested forward and backward-looking elements
 - Forward: synthesis of estimated impacts of NDCs
 - Backward: effects of emissions reductions
- African Group
 - o We can go forward with this draft
 - o Non-exhaustive list in Annex is critical – want to get back to it in future sessions
 - o EU proposal for dealing with corrections is supported
 - Distinction between corrections and substantive revisions (corrections do not require new iteration of the note)
- China
 - o Fully support G77&China, have several comments
 - o Annex of guiding questions is helpful to understand comprehensive nature of GST
 - o No reference in text – have ref to Annex in guidance to governance
 - o Next hour: discuss roadmap to COP 24
- South Africa
 - o Find many of their comments in the Annex – has to be regarded as integral part of the document; non-exhaustive
 - o Support discussion of timing and duration
- Brazil (ABU)
 - o Support G77&China statement
 - o Note is broad enough in terms of structure but not in terms of substance
 - o Need draft negotiation text – need another negotiation session → agree with China on need to discuss roadmap to COP 24
- India (LMDC)
 - o Support G77&China statement
 - o Should not preclude parties to do further work
 - o Work on GST should move in tandem with work on other agenda items, esp. transparency; once transparency mechanism takes shape → should become input to GST
 - o Also link to APA item 8 → source of input
 - o Importance of CBDR, equity
 - o Assessment of parties' resilience and impacts of response measures
 - o Word framework in Annex in context of equity should be avoided, use 'indicators' only
- EIG
 - o Happy with new iteration
- US
 - o Good progress and good basis for moving forward
 - o Two suggestions re last bullet on p. 3
 - Recognize distinction between general and specific questions (different nature), give more flexibility → separate into two bullets

- Add the word proposed to the specific questions (haven't been able to fully discuss) → reflect this word in the title of the annex ("Proposed Questions')
- Saudi Arabia
 - P. 2: modalities; overarching elements, add option under guiding subheading: (didn't follow)
 - Would like to NOT decide here what to do with the informal note, but wait for other agenda items
- Colombia (AILAC)
 - Supports ABU re moving to negotiation text
 - Don't want annex to distract from the progress we have made and work we have here
 - Useful to have discussion about timing – clarify process from here to 2023
- Japan
 - Good progress, but suggest removing repetitions
 - Support Grenada re technical dialogues (exchange of parties and technical experts) and having co-facilitators for that entire process (rather than two for each of the work streams)
 - Is 'no text' option still an option
- CO-facilitators consult and decide to implement corrections, use 2nd iteration of informal note as outcome of the group's work here