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Session/Agenda Item: SBI Informal consultations on common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement

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Participants: Large negotiation session

Attachments : [Joint reflections note by the presiding officers of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation Addendum 1 \(part 2\)](#)

[SBI5 draft text iteration](#)

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Notes

Co-facilitator:

- Let me explain the text
 - Reflects what we've discussed so far
 - Also
- Para 3
 - Does reflect wording about timing
 - When you will start deliberations and when you will end deliberations
- Also reflect the progress made

South Africa

- Disappointed that only procedural
- Would suggest to do something similar in May/ deal with in may
- Delete the words "from 2031 onwards..." - redundant
- Delete words "adoption by ____" [very hard to hear]
- Para 3
 - Common time frames at its 50th session ... to review the decision for it's ____ [hard to hear, lots of chatter,
 - Want to suggest Nov. 2020

China LMDCs

- Disappointed
- Trying to get maximum consensus
- Regarding points made by SA
 - Agree about going back to maybe see what the agreed language at the previous
 - If SBI agrees to continue this matter, SA proposes to have SBI review it at 50th session; wants to change it so CMA is reviewing it

Russia

- Thanks Saudi for finding me a seat
- I would like to emphasize [something about housekeeping]
- We refrained from sending additional proposals for consideration since we believe that adding additional text is counter productive - since quality of outcomes will go down if we add more
- For now, we don't have proposals in footnote that address our concerns and view on how time frames should look
 - We support adding footnote for the draft decision of COP - that's our decision and I think I don't need to explain rationale
- For rest of text
 - Strong concern about para 3 with all its brackets - not sure we'll be able to reach conclusion on this, too many brackets

Marshall Islands

- Thanks for the work and spirit of the parties in the room
- We can support South Africa's proposal - think it's useful and don't think it's that far away from what China said
 - Would be helpful to hear proposal again and we may be able to support China

China repeating

- SBI agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at the second part of its 48th session (change to 50th) - with a view to make accommodation for consideration and adoption of the CMA

Co-fac

- Think about carefully about it

Saudi for Arab Group

- Thanks, great work
- Support China's LMDC proposal
- Align with Russian colleague also
 - Afraid that not everyone has their reflection in this
- Same parties from previous session
 - Maybe sentence that can say that we'll welcome submissions from Parties on this matter
 - Good to reflect discussions happening here and future proposals thought of here

Co-fac

- Repeat please

Saudi

- The SBI welcomes the submissions from Parties received and responded to from the SBI in (XX) session on this matter
- ^maybe play with language to reflect what's already been discussed like in the footnote, like Russia said

CO-fac

- Think about proposal to find other way to reflect the progress we have made (not just footnote)

EU

- Support SA proposal
- Want to reflect the progress made
- We want the footnote
- [spoke very fast hard to understand]

Marshall Islands

- Proposal by China doesn't have an end date which is a big issue with us
- Re. footnote - can we find language that captures at least making it clear without prejudice that parties can submissions
- We've been talking about this for two years and otherwise, have no capturing of ideas and think our ideas and others are there
- So keep footnote and invite parties to make submissions

South Africa

- Appreciate China suggestion - same idea of working off of main conclusions - but there is a difference that we want to point out
 - There's no end date on China's proposal
 - We want to fix the date
- Our formulation is that we recommend decision for consideration - consideration and adoption
- Preference can not be flexible and [... not sure]
- We have the language may and footnote was document we had the time - pre session submissions available at other others
- In footnote - can say 'pre-session submissions are available here ____'
- South Africa and LMDC - I think we negotiated in May that we consider this issue by all parties - language to make sure that no particular proposal - we are seeking that information that's contained in what's provided and that's very important to us
 - Want SA's submission to be noted and maybe also have China's language
- Include all the language in the information form

Japan

- We're not all happy so we can have more communication but at this stage we can't add more
 - Have to be practical
- Footnote
 - Prefer annex vs. footnote
 - Don't have consensus about if we use footnote
- Proposals
 - We have other proposals and sentiments already
 - Not limited to give proposals at next sentence
 - We want added caveat
 - About how there have already been proposals and they can be viewed
 - Confusion
 - Whether it's decided - SBI. SBI "welcomes" or
 - But were talking about CMA now, so language has to be clear about the different sessions were talking about
- Para 2

- From 2031 onward
- But we haven't decided common time frame
- Perhaps better reflect that there's not consensus
- Support sa
 - 5 year adoption
 - Or at least update
 - 2023 too late - only have ____ at the latest we need to have this or we can't continue

Zimbabwe:

- Support SA
- Also propose specific date with comment about when we want to see the decision from the CMA
 - Want to make sure we can reach conclusion; use 'shall language'
- Also propose specific page/comment [to document progress made at CMA?]

New Zealand

- We also support South Africa proposal - makes a lot of sense
- Agree with Marshall Islands and AOSIS - important to us that there's a concluding date where we care for this consideration
- Decision - paragraph 2 agree 2031 onward
- Important work done - reflecting on that - relating it to the decision - footnote that mark it as prejudice and makes it clear this isn't the full submission makes it clear there is opening for new submissions of ideas/options
- Three very clear options at the top thanks, we are happy with

Co-fac

- SBI has same approach - not producing draft conclusions in this room, will have draft decision as you see
- My instructions - if there's no agreement in the room - I hear you're close on how to further consideration, but also hear differences and proposals coming in now
- No agreement now to capture progress to make and no agreement about how to refer to applicability in para 2
- What I'll have to do is put this whole text in square brackets and will forward it to SBI chair and it'll then enter into overall process - we have no more time - these are instructions from SBI chair
- Anything out of this room now will be in square brackets and go into larger process in the next week
- Lots of rule breaking for this room

China

- For LMDC
- Reluctant to have to move forward with this - lots of divergence in this room
- Time slot limited; kindly suggest to extend half an hour or more for this
 - Very close to very clean text
- Want all SBI items to be treated in same manner

Marshall Islands

- Agree with China

- Very close
- Real pity to send this text
- Please can we find way to converge
- Very helpful

Saudi Arabia

- Trying to help - please listen to me co-facilitator - thanks
- Divergence on last point and first point
- Last point
 - Hear SA and AGN that they can't agree with the last paragraph and about the footnote
- Footnote
 - Seems like it's been written as a decision
 - That's an issue
 - Find a way to put place holders or something to merge to a landing zone

Co-facilitator

- I hear you
- You're all trying, I know you're close and want to hear that you want to get things together
- What we will try to do is I will ask the SBI chair for some more time; can't be promised. Out of my hands.
- Look for more time, in the meantime, and I will give message asap
- Try to find more time
- But this will be on contingency that you are able to work with these two paragraphs to find ways to accommodate both (paragraphs 1 and 3)

Follow up:

- Parties wanted just a little more time, co-facilitators said they'd get back to them

Take away:

- They're very close, want a tad more time so we'll see if they get it - otherwise not sure what will happen