

SBSTA Contact Group/Informal Consultation on modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement

Tuesday, 4 December 2018, 3.45-4.30pm, Meeting Room 3

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The meeting began at 4.05pm.

Co-Facilitator opened the meeting.

Ecuador (G77 & China)

- First meeting
- Important meeting otherwise PA will have a hole we would not resolve
- Efficient interventions suggested
- Do not want to waste time on current arrangements
- Approach would be to focus on areas of reporting where there are issues and to work to resolve them
- Double counting, causality, attribution, aggregation, comparability
- Highlight that we are not trying to renegotiate anything that has been agreed
- Not comfortable with new language that purposefully create confusion e.g. “encouraged to do...” etc.
- Differentiation has been solved in Paris – don’t think there is a need to open that
- Help us solve issues/clusters of issues and get rid of those brackets e.g. where parameters/modalities comes from current practice and focus on things that are new
- Eager to be here, happy to work with everyone and look forward to advance as much as we can

Switzerland

- Agree with a lot of what G77 has just said
- Whatever we land on differentiation, in accordance with what has been agreed
- Party categories – agree
- Evolution of some issues e.g. ODA, OOF, underlying assumption for sources of funding - public (including ODA and OOF) include private or other...
- Agree with G77 on existing reporting parameter except new and additional
- New and additional is a political issue – removed at Ministerial in Paris, no longer in the PA discussion; not comfortable to have it in the text in the same way as it was in the past

Norway

- Agree with points in that we have come quite a long way
- Need to address the sticky points and have a focused discussion
- Some issues that remain on the table can be solved by talking to each other and clarify

- While others are political issues
- Section B is quite long and duplicative, can provide suggestions on how to streamline – things to group/theme together
- Room to specify what is the end of Section C on climate specific and new and additional – not as a parameter but should have a discussion on that question
- On climate specific, try to make everything reporting climate specific; challenge is on multilateral – core or climate specific – but depends on how Parties fill in that table; discussion needed

European Union

- Starting in constructive mood, eager
- Final stages of modalities, crucial part of PAWP
- Agree to what has been said
- Q: SBSTA chair – asked for full set of iterations by Saturday; does that mean we have to finalize work by Saturday? Is that our deadline? Important to know.

Co-Facilitators said that we have to finish the work by Saturday.

European Union

- Focus on elements – crunchy issues/difficult issues
- Setting would provide us with the right mood
- Look at each other rather than this setting would be helpful to come to quicker agreement among Parties
- Opportunities to get rid of brackets; especially those already agreed upon
- Aim to streamline
- Section B and C – some duplications; assumptions, definitions and methodologies should be in Section B and then consequently see what needs to be in C
- Need to consult with other Parties before we suggest – don't want to table it unless Parties agree; and risk prolonging the process

Australia

- Progress – 70 page to 6 page text
- Agree with what's being said from Switzerland and G77; focus on sticking points that expert level can resolve
- Support Co-Facilitators in providing space and time to do that effectively
- Streamline and finalize text
- Confirm that submissions will be refinement of text rather than new proposals
- Agree that things outside of PA language should not be introduced

Colombia (AILAC)

- Thanked Co-Facilitators for informal consultations yesterday; useful
- Dive into substance
- Start with the Annex

- Echo previous interventions to focus on substantive aspects – Section B
- Preserve language of PA
- Article 13

India (LMDC)

- Support to G77 coordinator
- Not comfortable with new terminology and prefer to stick with Paris Agreement
- Shall/should – Art 13, 9 about modalities – encouraged
- Reservation from other Parties on climate specific and new and additional – make clear that no compromise or dilution on these aspects
- Like to mention that not only new and additional but also a progression and benchmark; no diversion of aid and development for SDGs

China

- Support G77 & China and India (LMDC)
- Core concerns – description of Parties applicable should respect original text of PA and Convention
- Agree with Switzerland to keep in alignment with PA language e.g. reflections note, reporting Parties do/shall etc. in this Annex, does not reflect the obligations under this Article
- Hope Parties use this time efficiently to come to consensus
- Other ways unacceptable
- Respect original language of PA, in Article 9 in reports and biennial assessment reports
- Keep encouragement nature for developing countries
- Linkage between 9.7 and Art 13 – only linkage with Art 13,13 – CMA shall adopt MPG for transparency as appropriate – does not say we should apply this to transparency
- Provision instead of mobilized information
- Encouragement in doing this on voluntary basis
- Linkage – should be in the Decision of transparency not in Decision of Art 9.7

Bangladesh

- Support G77 and India statements
- Need to remember principle of Convention, 9.1 says that
- Cannot do away with new and additional to avoid double and triple accounting
- Don't have this minimum level of comparability among Parties
- Great portion of ODA is diverted to CF; many ways of creative accounting
- Let us be more sincere and have a text that builds trust instead of distrust

Belize

- AOSIS
- Early conclusion
- Ready to work
- 9.7 accounting modalities have to be in line with PA
- Important that PA cross references with Convention and continue to respect that as well

United States

- In the spirit of clarifying different views around the table; China on where terms were coming from: share confusion if looking only at para referenced in intervention but helpful to ref para 56 Decision 1/CP.21 – shall be taken in accordance... para 91 below, takes back to Article 13
- Hope it helps to clarify on the “should”, taken overall with MPGs
- If language can be acceptable, that would be helpful

Uganda

- Heard AOSIS – speaks to our feelings; concur and Bangladesh earlier
- Look forward to fruitful discussion, constructive talks
- Bonn → Bangkok – we thought we can conclude this item soon
- Look forward to an outcome in the next few days

Co-Facilitators said it was good to hear everyone is keen to get to work. Space is available Room 12 from 6-8pm tonight to engage in a more constructive manner.

South Africa

- Coordination meetings and not prepared to do this
- COP presidency remove artificial deadline of Saturday
- Do not have flexibility to miss our coordination meetings

Co-Facilitators said there is a backup for tomorrow morning informal-informal then the next informal consultation in the PM. Keep the goal of Saturday in mind. More details will be provided in the morning.

South Africa

- Coordinate from 8-10am, 10-1pm
- Not prepared to have duplication during that times
- Presidency should shift deadline of Saturday

Co-Facilitators said they will report to the Secretariat and meet with SBSTA chair on Saturday. Will take into account coordination. Invite you to talk to each other in bilateral meetings and we know it is a packed time and we know you are willing and we count on it.

The informal consultation ended at 4.31pm.