

Informal Consultation on APA Agenda Item 5 on modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Art. 13 of the Paris Agreement

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The meeting began at 4.06pm.

Parties were considering the revised iteration Version 06/12/2018 00:04 [here](#).

Co-Facilitators said that primary purpose would be based on the first iteration of the draft text, recognizing that Parties needed time to look at the text.

Commented on procedural issues:

- Raise this concerns in the contact group immediately following this meeting;
- Know that discussion so far have been very good and assure you that work you're doing right now, the second iteration will not be the last iteration here and the work will be captured in further iterations;
- Encourage Parties to have discussions going forward on issues proposed but on other issues as well.

Singapore (G77 & China)

- Some concerns that options have been removed or do not reflect options
- Broader conversation needed on TER
- Flexibility – like to see Option 4.2 deleted

Egypt (LMDCs)

- COP decision on para 2 – add option of having Parties identify the date of the last BUR
- CMA decision on para 2 – add option of revision of MPGs should not take place before complete cycle of NDCs
 - Para 3 – add years of the BUR as defined by the Party
 - Para 4 – language in para 90 1/CP.21; no less frequently than a biennial basis
 - Separate para on moving to new ETF with provision of support
 - Para 12 – make it clear that the new CTF tables to be developed by SBSTA should respect no backsliding by developed countries and tables should at least contain information currently contained in Convention
- Section C – accommodate all types of NDCs including qualitative and quantitative
- Section A – A4 para 2 – like to have language of PA here – including in the scope, frequency and ...

- Option 4.2 support intervention made by G77 & China to completely delete; if not deleted, like to have definition on Parties that can utilize flexibility to those not included as Annex-I of the Convention
- Section A6 para 1b – provide option for parties to provide adaptation component information it shall do so in accordance with MPGs of Section C or D below
- Section C – shalls and shoulds
 - Para 2a not aligned with agreement that we have in discussions, should work on language based on discussion that we have
 - Examples moved to footnote to be brought back and specific examples for NDCs e.g. policies & measures, as balanced as possible not only focusing on specific types of NDCs
 - C5 – Art. 6 reference; many issues not defined and cannot really engage on here
- Section D – add separate title on adaptation component of NDCs
 - Copy and paste for parties who wish to report on their adaptation
- Section E1 issues deleted to be brought back
 - Option 2.2 para 1a – need clarification on deletion and request to bring back
- Section G on applicability – G3.2 para 3 – BTR for developed countries
 - G7 should be in consultation with Parties, like to bring this back as it was removed without consultation

Co-Facilitator clarified on E2. Agreed could be clarified further.

Saudi Arabia (Arab Group)

- Align with Singapore on behalf of G77 & China and LMDC
- Two issues want to emphasize: frustrated and extremely disappointed A5 unbracketed given our clear instructions before; component of review process and would not accept it as part of section A5
- Extremely problematic: C3 para 1 deletion of qualitative and/or quantitative indicators – important that there is clarity – we would not accept this section without very clear reference to this

Russian Federation

- Small proposals:
- A6 1d – insert wording providing support for implementation of existing arrangements under the Convention; para 6 to delete second phrase “each party is also encouraged... where relevant...”

United States

- Option 4.2 A4 flexibility throughout the text is sensitive – need to wait until we discuss it
- Table not quite right
- C2 and C3 para 4 and 7 language needs to be adjusted
- Understand that ...
- Section F on revised text – important to have assumptions, methodologies etc. would request some changes to language there, specifying as applicable
- Article 13 concerns on double counting e.g. F

- In G2 some issues on the new language like to come back to there
- G.9.2 lost a lot of detail on the composition of the TER teams, have to have the right competencies to review the TER

European Union

- Discussions later on to raise specific issues
- Support US on TER no linkage to Art 6 – may be something missing, not really clear that such competencies should be there

Brazil

- Several comments, will do at appropriate time and form

China

- Support intervention by Singapore on behalf of G77 & China and Egypt on behalf of LMDC
- On projections – not an option or mandatory for developing countries; did not see this captured accurately in this iteration
- TER shall not review the adequacy and appropriateness of Party's NDC and selected indicators for tracking progress
- Need to have brackets (adding)

Costa Rica (AILAC)

- Align with G77 & China by Singapore
- Highlight specific issues – will communicate
- A – institutional arrangements – “Shall” or our countries will never create national capacities
- A5 para 2 shall option needs to be there along with should
- B 4.3.3.2 (?) comparability of time series
- C3 para 1 priority
- Reference to indicators in the last version
- Section D5 cannot accept para 3 even if it is in brackets

Australia

- Thank you for your hard work on this iteration
- Some concerns with sections as well but many have been covered by others so won't go into details
- Good to hear that results from small discussions will go into further iterations
- C3 & C2

Republic of Korea

- Party driven process – remove element J
- Cannot accept language singling out a specific type of NDC, not found anywhere else in language
- Like to be involve in C2 discussions and drafting

Saudi Arabia

- Reaction to comments in the room
- Respect nationally determined nature of NDCs
- Let party decide how they would like to track their progress and provide a space to do that

European Union

- Support Australia

Co-Facilitators said they took detailed notes on views.

Heard call to do

- C3, revisions from that particular issue – specific and general
- A5 as well

Brazil sought clarification about the next steps and timelines. The Co-Facilitators clarified that there are specific guidelines that the APA Co-Chairs have given them and that Parties are encouraged to raise concerns at the APA Contact Group meeting.

The informal consultation ended at 4.50pm.