

AOSIS AND LDC BRIDGING PROPOSAL
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MITIGATION – PROPOSED FORMULATION OF ARTICLE 3.1

In light of discussions at the spin-off group on mitigation on 20 October, the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) and the Group of Least Developed Countries (LDC Group) propose a sequential reorganization of the various elements of Article 3, paragraph 1 in the updated version of the Co-Chair's non-paper along the following outline:

1. Peaking (as soon as possible)
2. % reduction by 2050
3. Pathway to zero emissions
4. Qualitative references: decarbonization, transition to low-emissions society, etc.

In addition, AOSIS and the LDCs request insertion into the Co-Chair's non-paper of numerical options to reflect pathways consistent with the 'below 1.5⁰C' option for the long-term temperature goal in Article 2.

Consistent with these proposals, we submit the following reorganized bridging proposal:

Bridging proposal:

[In pursuit of the objective of the Convention set out in its Article 2,] [and] [to achieve the long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2 of this Agreement,] Parties aim to reach [by X date] [as soon as possible] [a peaking of global greenhouse gas emissions] [and rapid reductions of global greenhouse gas emissions thereafter to at least] [40-70] [70-95] per cent below 2010 levels by 2050] [and zero net greenhouse gas emissions in the period 2060 - 2080] [[bearing in mind that peaking will vary for different countries and will be longer for developing countries] [[and] bearing in mind social and economic development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing country Parties]] [[in pursuing [decarbonisation of the global economy over the course of this century] [global low-carbon transformation] [global low-emission transformation]] [in the sharing of the remaining global emission budget]].

AOSIS and the LDC Group's preferred formulation in this sequential reorganization would be as follows:

"[In pursuit of the objective of the Convention set out in its Article 2,] [and to achieve the long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2 of this Agreement,] Parties agree to pursue a peaking of global greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, and significant and rapid reductions of global greenhouse gas emissions thereafter to at least 70 to 95 percent below 2010 levels by 2050 [and zero [net][global] greenhouse gas emissions in the period 2060 to 2080]."