

*The following proposal has been submitted by an interested group of Parties with a view to presenting some high-level structural options for treatment of accounting in the mitigation section. It represents a work in progress, does not represent agreement on any individual provisions and is without prejudice to any Parties' individual positions.*

Main approaches to treatment of accounting:

**Option 1:** *Set out guiding principles in agreement (No work programme specified) – existing 4 quinquies, no paragraph 5*

[In tracking progress towards achieving nationally determined mitigation [commitments][contributions][other], Parties shall apply the principles of transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability, consistency, avoidance of double-counting, and environmental integrity.]

**Option 2:** *Set out guiding principles in agreement, with work programme referenced in agreement and elaborated in decision text (Para 30)(Sub option – para 59 ie Transparency of Action and Support) – existing 4 quinquies, paragraph 5 (a)*

[In tracking progress towards achieving nationally determined mitigation [commitments][contributions][other], Parties shall apply the principles of transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability, consistency, avoidance of double-counting, and environmental integrity.]

[The rules and guidance related to tracking of progress towards achieving nationally determined mitigation [commitments][contributions][other] accounting [that are set forth in [relevant COP decisions and in] decision 1/CP.21], including with respect to land use [and land-use change] [and forests][ and REDD+][and internationally transferred mitigation outcomes], [shall be adopted by the CMA at its first session and maybe amended by any subsequent decisions by the CMA] [so as to improve clarity, transparency and environmental integrity of the agreement.]

**Option 3:** *High-level rules in Agreement with work programme (link with para 30 unclear – does it remain as an empty shell?) – existing para 5 (a) and 5 (b)*

5. (a) [Taking into consideration the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and article 4.9 of the Convention] [The rules and guidance related to accounting [that are set forth in [relevant COP decisions and in] decision 1/CP.21], including with respect to land use [and land-use change] [and forests][ and REDD+][and internationally transferred mitigation outcomes], [shall be adopted by the CMA at its first session and maybe amended by any subsequent decisions by the CMA] [so as to improve clarity, transparency and environmental integrity of the agreement.]
- (b) [In accounting for their mitigation commitments, each Party shall, taking into account guidance developed under paragraph (a) above]:
- (i) [Use common metrics, guidance and guidelines accepted by the IPCC for the estimation of greenhouse gas emissions and removals and agreed by the CMA];
- (ii) [Ensure methodological consistency between the definition of the nationally determined mitigation commitment and its implementation];
- (iii) [Include an explanation for the exclusion from their nationally determined mitigation commitment of any key categories of emissions and removals, and strive to include these over time];
- (iv) [[Ensure that] Once a source, sink or activity is accounted for in a nationally determined mitigation commitment, Parties shall continue to include];
- (v) [[Ensure that] internationally transferred mitigation outcomes used by any Party to meet its nationally determined mitigation commitment shall be real, permanent, additional and verified, be subject to systems to ensure that units are not counted more than once in tracking progress toward nationally determined mitigation commitments and shall be supplemental to domestic action].

**Option 3:** *Deal with accounting in Transparency of Action and Support*

**Option 4:** *No provisions on accounting*

Differentiation modulator: *(A choice to be made for options 1, 2, and 3).*

Option 1: [Taking into consideration the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and article 4.9 of the Convention]

Option 2: *No differentiation modulator applied in this specific paragraph (does not prejudge how or where differentiation is treated in this section).*

Other choices:

- Legal/ technical:
  - CMA
  - COP
  - 1/CP.21
- Inclusion of/ exclusion of:
  - Land Use, Land-Use Change, Forests, REDD+
  - Internationally transferred mitigation outcomes