

Proposals by co-facilitators for Preamble, Articles 2 and 2bis

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A. DRAFT AGREEMENT

Preamble

[The Parties to this Agreement,

- Pp1* *Being* Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"),
- Pp2* *In pursuit* of the objective of the Convention, and being guided by its principles, including the principle of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances,
- Pp3* *Pursuant to the* Durban Platform for Enhanced Action adopted by decision 1/CP.17 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventeenth session,
- Pp4* *Taking account* of the specific needs of developing country Parties, and especially those that are particularly vulnerable,
- Pp5* *Taking account also* of the specific needs and special circumstances of small island developing States (SIDS) and least developed country (LDC) Parties,
- Pp6* *Recognizing* the intrinsic relationship between climate change, poverty eradication and sustainable development, reaffirming that responses to climate change shall aim to avoid the adverse impacts of response measures, and promote [social and economic development in harmony with nature][sustainable development],
- Pp7* *Emphasizing* the need to respond to the urgent threat of climate change on the basis of the best available scientific knowledge, in particular, the assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,
- Pp8* *Recognizing* the outcomes of the 2013–2015 review, including the report on the structured expert dialogue on the review,
- Pp9* *Noting* that the largest share of historical global emissions of greenhouse gases has originated in developed countries, that per capita emissions in developing countries are still relatively low and that the share of global emissions originating in developing countries will grow to meet their social and development needs,
- Pp10* *Recognizing* that Parties should take action to address climate change in accordance with [[relevant][evolving economic and emission] trends, which will continue to evolve post-2020] [and the principles and provisions of the Convention],
- Pp11* *Emphasizing* the importance of promoting, protecting and respecting all human rights, including [to promote sustainable development, and] the rights of indigenous peoples, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and under occupation, as well as promoting health, gender equality and the empowerment of women, while taking into account the needs of local communities, intergenerational equity concerns, and the integrity of Mother Earth, when taking action to address climate change,
- Pp12* *Taking into account* the imperatives of equitable access to sustainable development, and a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities,
- Pp13* *Recognizing* the critical importance of safeguarding food security and ending hunger,
- Pp14* *Recognizing also* the importance of the conservation and enhancement, as appropriate, of sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases, including forests and other ecosystems, including through REDD-plus, the Joint Mitigation and Adaptation approach for the integral and sustainable management of forests, and the related benefits, as well as the multiple social and environmental objectives of Parties when managing their lands,
- Pp15* *Affirming* the importance of education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and cooperation at all levels on the matters addressed in this Agreement, and recognizing the role of a multiplicity of actors,

Pp16 *Acknowledging* that putting a price on carbon is an important approach for the cost-effectiveness of the cuts in global greenhouse gas emissions,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 2 (*PURPOSE*)

Option I:

1. The purpose of this Agreement is [to enhance the implementation of the Convention] [and] [to achieve the objective of the Convention as stated in its Article 2]. In order to strengthen and support the global response to the urgent threat of climate change, Parties agree to take urgent action and enhance [cooperation] [support] so as to:
 - (a) Hold the increase in the global average temperature [below 1.5 °C [or] [well] below 2 °C] above pre-industrial levels by ensuring deep cuts in global greenhouse gas [net] emissions;
 - (b) Increase their ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change [and to effectively respond to the impacts of the implementation of response measures and to loss and damage].
 - (c) Pursue a transformation towards sustainable development, to foster societies that are resilient to climate change and economies with low greenhouse gas emissions and to ensure that food production and distribution are not threatened;
2. This Agreement shall be implemented on the basis of equity and science, and in accordance with the principle of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances.

Option II: No text

Article 2bis (*GENERAL*)

Option I:

1. [All Parties [shall] regularly prepare, communicate [and implement] [intended] nationally determined [contributions][components] [on [mitigation] and adaptation] [undertakings in adaptation planning] [and means of implementation]* [towards achieving the [purpose of this Agreement as set out in Article 2] [objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2].] [in accordance with Article 4 of the Convention] [in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement including the specific provisions related to mitigation and adaptation and means of implementation.]]
2. [Each Party's [intended] nationally determined contribution will represent a progression in the light of Parties' differentiated responsibilities and commitments under the Convention.]
3. [The extent to which developing country Parties will effectively implement this Agreement will depend on the effective implementation by developed country Parties of their commitments on the provision of finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building.]
4. [Successive [intended] nationally determined contributions will be communicated [informed by the result of the global stocktake as defined in Article 10] before the expiry of the previous [intended] nationally determined contribution by the Party concerned.]

** without prejudice to the terminology to be used to describe Parties' commitments, undertakings and efforts under the Paris Agreement*

Option II: [No text]