

## ADP Draft Decision Text: Comments of Venezuela Paragraphs 23-37

General comments: we note with great concern the commitment and implementation gaps by developed countries in their mitigation, adaptation and provision of finance, technology and capacity building support.

Underlining that the pre-2020 ambition must be addressed in a comprehensive manner, covering mitigation, adaptation, finance and technology development and transfer since mitigation ambition cannot be achieved in isolation of the other elements of the Durban Mandate.

It is clearly recognized that developing countries have already shown their willingness and leadership by putting forward NAMAS that show more mitigation ambition in aggregate that the combined mitigation commitment of Annex I Parties under Cancún in the pre-2020 period.

Underlining the importance of article 4.7 of the Convention and the need for providing finance and ensuring technology development and transfer for developing countries, to enhance their mitigation actions in the pre-2020 period.

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23. *Urges* all Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to ratify and implement the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol as a matter of urgency, noting the need, in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 4, of the Protocol, for a minimum of 144 instruments of acceptance to be deposited by Parties to the Kyoto Protocol for the Amendment to enter into force;

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24. *Reiterates* its resolve set out in paragraph 3 of decision 1/CP.19, in particular in relation to the provision of technology, finance and capacity-building support for developing country Parties, recognizing that such implementation will enhance ambition in the pre-2020 period, and to this end:

(a) *Calls on* developed country Parties, other Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other Parties in a position to do so to provide additional resources to the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, the Technology Mechanism and the Adaptation Fund so as to enhance the efforts of these institutions, in accordance with their respective functions and mandates, to support developing country Parties in implementing their pre-2020 actions, in particular on adaptation;

(b) *Urges* all developed country Parties to ensure that the initial resource mobilization of the Green Climate Fund reaches a significant scale that reflects the needs of and challenges faced by developing countries in addressing climate change;

(c) *Reiterates its request* to developed country Parties to prepare biennial submissions on their updated strategies and approaches for scaling up climate finance from 2014 to 2020, in line with decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 10;

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25. *Also reiterates* its resolve set out in paragraph 4 of decision 1/CP.19 to enhance ambition in the pre-2020 period in order to ensure the highest possible mitigation efforts under the Convention by all Parties:

(a) *Urges* each developed country Party, as well as other Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, that has not yet communicated a quantified economywide emission reduction target to do so;

(b) *Also urges* each developed country Party, as well as other Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, to revisit its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target under the Convention and, if it is also a Party to the Kyoto Protocol, its quantified emission limitation or reduction commitment for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, if applicable, in accordance with decision 1/CMP.8, paragraphs 7–11, with the aim of increasing such targets;

(c) *Further urges* each developing country Party that has not yet communicated a nationally appropriate mitigation action to do so, recognizing that nationally appropriate mitigation actions will be taken in the context of sustainable development, supported and enabled by technology, finance and capacity-building;

(d) *Urges* each developing country Party that has communicated nationally appropriate mitigation actions to implement them and, where appropriate, consider further action, recognizing that nationally appropriate mitigation actions will be taken in the context of sustainable development, supported and enabled by technology, finance and capacity-building;

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26. *Decides* to convene a Forum on Accelerated Implementation of pre-2020 Climate Action in conjunction with the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2015), with a view to:

(a) Consolidating and enhancing the collective understanding among Parties of the status of implementation of existing actions, ~~[and]~~ commitments/contributions;

(b) Considering the action taken in response to decision 1/CP.17 paragraphs 3 and 4, and to paragraphs 23–25 above;

~~[(c) Understanding the importance of pre-2020 action for implementation in the post-2020 period;]~~

Comment: prejudices the outcome

~~[(d) Providing input for the high-level engagement referred to in paragraph 40 below;]~~

Comment: It is unclear what is meant by input

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27. *Invites* representatives of: the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism; the Adaptation Committee; the Adaptation Fund Board; the Climate Technology Centre and Network; the Standing Committee on Finance; the Technology Executive Committee; the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation; and the Executive Secretary of the secretariat to participate in the Forum referred to in paragraph 26 above in order to provide information on the means of implementation with the aim to enhance ~~[their activities related to]~~ the acceleration of the implementation of enhanced pre-2020 climate action;

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28. *Invites* all Parties to participate in the Forum referred to in paragraph 26 above for the purpose of:

- (a) Elaborating on their experience with the implementation of existing actions and commitments, in particular quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets and nationally appropriate mitigation actions;
  - (b) Indicating their response and actions in respect of decision 1/CP.17 paragraphs 3 and 4, and paragraphs 23–25 above;
  - (c) Developing their understanding of the importance of pre-2020 action for implementation in the post-2020 period;
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29. *Decides* that the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition referred to in decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 7, aimed at ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties will continue until 2020 with the goal of bringing global emissions on a pathway consistent with achieving the objective of the Convention, set out in its Article 2, and for holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C or 1.5 °C above preindustrial levels, consistent with the scientific findings assessed in the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [and all principles and provisions of the Convention](#)

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30. *Also decides* to further strengthen and accelerate activities under the workplan on enhancing mitigation/[adaptation](#) ambition by continuing to:

- (a) Undertake a technical examination of opportunities for actions with high [mitigation/adaptation](#) potential in relevant ~~[thematic areas]~~ [elements](#), including those with adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits;
- (b) Identify for each thematic area a range of policy options, including practices and technologies, that are substantial, scalable and replicable;
- (c) Identify the barriers to implementation in both developed and developing countries and strategies to overcome them, including through finance, technology and capacity-building support for mitigation/[adaptation](#) action in developing country Parties;
- (d) Identify opportunities for voluntary multilateral cooperation on concrete actions related to identified mitigation/[adaptation](#) opportunities.

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31. *Requests* the secretariat to organize technical expert meetings in 2015 [and], to enhance mitigation and adaptation actions in cooperation with bodies under the Convention and relevant international organizations, regional and subregional follow-up meetings in a manner that:

- (a) Supports Parties in the identification of policy options and planning for their implementation;
- (b) Builds on and utilizes the related activities of and further enhances collaboration and synergies among the Technology Executive Committee, the Climate Technology Centre and Network, the Warsaw International Loss and Damage Mechanism, Adaptation Committee, the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;
- (c) Provides meaningful and regular opportunities through these meetings for the effective engagement [among] of developing country experts from Parties, relevant international organizations, civil society, the private sector, subnational authorities as nominated by the respective country [including cities, cooperative initiatives and bodies established under the Convention;]

Comment: mention to subnational authorities including cities without a clear caveat could be a bridge of national sovereignty which is unacceptable. The same rationale applies to cooperative initiatives which are not defined.

- (d) Assesses mitigation benefits, co-benefits, including adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits, costs of and other barriers to the implementation of policy options;
- (e) Focuses on removing barriers to and supporting the accelerated implementation of enhanced action on mitigation/adaptation in both developed and developing countries, including through finance, technology and capacity-building support for action in developing country Parties;
- (f) Facilitates enhanced engagement by [all participants through the] consulting all parties in a timely manner on the [publication of] topics they deem useful to be addressed, agendas and related materials;

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32. ~~Also requests~~ the secretariat to:

~~(a) Update the technical paper on mitigation benefits of actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition prior to the forty-second (June 2015) and forty-third sessions (November-December 2015) of the subsidiary bodies, drawing on information provided in submissions from Parties and observer organizations and the discussions held in the technical expert meetings referred to in paragraph 31 above;~~

- ~~(b) Disseminate the information contained in the technical paper referred to in paragraph 32(a) above, including through a publicly accessible web-based tool;~~  
~~(c) Further enhance the visibility of actions being undertaken or planned by public and private entities including those referred to in paragraph 37 below;~~  
~~(d) Prepare a summary for policymakers of the elements referred to in this paragraph in advance of the twenty-first session of Conference of the Parties;~~

Comment: This paragraph is mitigation centric and is unbalanced. Therefore is suggested to delete.

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33. *Encourages* Parties to enhance action through the cooperative implementation of the identified policy options<sup>1</sup> selected by them as most appropriate for their national circumstances;

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34. *Invites* the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to:

- (a) Enhance their efforts to support Parties, in accordance with their respective functions and mandates, in scaling up mitigation and adaptation action through the implementation of the selected policy options referred to in paragraph 33 above;  
(b) Engage effectively in the technical expert meetings referred to in paragraph 31 above in order to enhance the effective coordination and provision of support;
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35. *Invites* submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations on an ongoing basis that identify opportunities and policy options [to adapt to the effects of climate change and](#) reduce or limit emissions in developed and developing countries;

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~~[36. *Encourages* Parties and expert organizations hosting non-UNFCCC events relevant to the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition, including regional events, to make available and disseminate information on their outcomes so as to further the technical examination of mitigation opportunities;]~~

Comment: This is non-UNFCCC events, and therefore outside the remit of our work

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37. *Agrees* that effective implementation of enhanced action requires the engagement and contribution of the broadest range of actors and Parties should engage all relevant stakeholders in their national capacity. ~~[therefore invites:~~

- ~~(a) Parties to further incentivize, in accordance with their national circumstances, climate actions by subnational authorities, including cities, by establishing effective regulatory frameworks and financing mechanisms needed to address barriers and leverage investment;~~

~~(b) Subnational authorities, including cities, to scale up and replicate the existing ambitious policies, measures and action highlighted during the technical examination process;~~

~~(c) International organizations, civil society, private sector entities and cooperative initiatives to further scale up their efforts in assisting Parties to achieve an emission pathway consistent with limiting the global average temperature increase to below 2 °C or 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels;]~~

Comment: This is a sovereignty issue.

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