

Work of the Spin-off group and informal meetings on Article 4 on [Adaptation] and related decision paragraphs

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A. DRAFT AGREEMENT

Article 4 (ADAPTATION)

1. **Option 1:** Parties hereby [establish][share] the [global goal][long-term vision] of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, [in accordance with the objective, principles and provisions of the Convention, including common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities,] with a view to [[enabling][contributing to] [climate-resilient] sustainable development] [and] ensuring adaptation in the context of the goal of holding the increase in the global average temperature [below 2 °C][below [2 or] 1.5 °C] referred to in Article 2].
Parties recognize that adaptation is a [global] challenge faced by all with local, subnational, national, regional and international dimensions, and that it is a key component of and contribution to the long-term global response to climate change to protect people, livelihoods and ecosystems[, taking into account the urgent and immediate needs of those developing countries that are particularly vulnerable].
~~Option 2: Parties share the goal of increasing resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, recognizing that adaptation is a challenge faced by all, with local, national, regional and international dimensions, and that it is a key component of and contribution to the long term global response to climate change to needed protect people, livelihoods and ecosystems.~~
2. **Option 1:** [Parties recognize that adaptation [will][may] be needed regardless of the level of mitigation reached [and that [greater aggregate levels of mitigation can reduce the need for additional adaptation efforts][the greater their collective mitigation efforts, the less adaptation is needed [in the long term]]][less adaptation will be needed if[, inter alia,] their collective mitigation efforts are greater]].]
Option 2: [The [global goal][long-term vision] for adaptation shall be the basis for, inter alia:
 - (a) Assessment of the adequacy of support from developed country Parties^[1] to developing country Parties^[2] and a platform to undertake such an assessment through strengthened measurement, reporting, and verification of support;
 - (b) Recognition of the adaptation efforts of developing countries;
 - (c) Recognition of increased adaptation needs and associated costs in the light of mitigation efforts, taking into account that adaptation will be needed regardless of the level of mitigation reached, and also taking into account the relationship between aggregate mitigation ambition, associated climate change impacts and adaptation needs and cost, and recognizing there are limits to adaptation.]
- Option 3:** No text
3. **Option 1:** Parties [acknowledge][X] that adaptation action should follow a country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent approach, [respecting [human rights][the right to life][the rights of people under occupation] and] taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and[, as appropriate,] traditional and indigenous [and local knowledge systems][[peoples knowledge] and [local] knowledge,] [taking into account relevant activity on adaptation of United Nations specialized organizations] with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate.
Option 2: Parties acknowledge that adaptation action should follow a country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, traditional, indigenous and local knowledge systems, [taking into account relevant activity on adaptation of United Nations

¹ In all cases in the context of support, where it says "developed country Parties", read "developed country Parties [and other Parties in a position to do so]".

² In all cases in the context of support, where it says "developing country Parties" read "developing country Parties and other Parties in need of support, including countries with economies in transition".

specialized organizations,] with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant socioeconomic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate.

5. Parties [shall][should] enhance [their] cooperation, including with respect to:
 - (a) Sharing information, good practices, experiences and lessons learned[, including through a knowledge dimension informed by science, planning and policy aspects to implement adaptation action;]
 - (b) [Strengthening institutional arrangements [under the Convention] to support the synthesis of relevant information and knowledge as well as the provision of technical [support and] guidance [and support]][to Parties];]
 - (c) [Strengthening information available to underscore the importance of systematic observation of the climate system for advancing scientific knowledge on climate change and advising informed policymaking to include] [early warning and emergency response preparedness][comprehensive climate risk management];
 - (d) [Assessment of the adequacy of support referred to in paragraph 2 (option 2(a)) of this Article with a view to ensuring transparency and accountability;]
 - (e) [Assisting developing countries to identify adaptation needs, priorities, support provided and received for adaptation actions and efforts, challenges and gaps and encouraging good practices;]
 - (f) [Improving the effectiveness and durability of adaptation actions.]

B. DRAFT DECISION

50. [*Requests* the [AC][SBSTA][SCF][LEG] to develop methodologies and approaches for recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing countries to respond to climate change;]
