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[Question by](#) European Union at Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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[Title:](#) Additional policies for 2025

With regard to the NDC, the United States noted in its BR2 the likely need for additional policies and measures to meet it.

- Which are the priority actions currently undertaken in order to reach this target for 2025?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

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[Title:](#) Additional measures

The 'existing measures' scenario reported by the United States in its BR2 includes the effects of all PaMs that had been implemented or adopted up to mid-2015 under the President's Climate Action Plan 2013, but does not include additional reductions resulting from any further measures that may be formulated or implemented from mid-2015 to 2025. The 'additional measures' (WAM) scenario includes planned PaMs that have been proposed, but not finalized, and other measures that fall under the initiatives laid out in the President's Climate Action Plan 2013. According to the projections provided, the 17% reduction target in 2020 would only be reached with such additional measures.

- Could the US provide information regarding the steps taken to ensure targets for 2020 can be met?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

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Title: Impacts of mitigation actions

According to the information provided in the BR2, in 2013, the United States' GHG emissions including LULUCF were 5,791,223.73 kt CO₂ eq, an approximate 10.0 per cent reduction below the 2005 level.

- Could the US provide additional information on how its mitigation actions to-date have had an impact on emissions reductions?
- Please could the US provide additional information on how believes its future implementation of actions will ensure it achieves its targets?

Answer by United States of America
Not answered

Question by Japan at Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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Title: Performance standards for passenger car

What level of performance standards does U.S. expect in the future for cars?

Answer by United States of America
Not answered

Question by Japan at Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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Title: Research and development of clean energy

According to p.21-22 of the BR2, the U.S. is actively investing in research and development of clean energy and it has gotten excellent results. What is important to effectively invest in research and development of clean energy?

Answer by United States of America
Not answered

Question by China at Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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Title: HFC emission

The U.S. has implemented, adopted and planned several measures to mitigate HFC emission, nevertheless, fast increases in HFC emission have been projected in both WEM and WAM scenarios. Could the Party provide information on the drivers for those increasing trends?

Answer by United States of America
Not answered

Question by China at Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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Title: scenarios assumptions of the LULUCF sector

Could the U.S. provide information on the assumptions for high and low sequestration scenarios of LULUCF sector?

Answer by United States of America
Not answered

Question by China at Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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Title: consideration of the international market mechanism

According to the projections reported in BR2, the U.S. needs to take additional measures to achieve their 2020 targets. Given that President Trump is not supportive of President Obama's Climate Actions plan, it is even more challenging to achieve the 17% emission reduction in 2020 purely through domestic actions. Does the U.S. have any plan or preliminary thoughts on using international market mechanism to accommodate recent changes? If still not, what additional measure will the U.S. consider to take to achieve the 2020 target?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

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[Title:](#) the WAM scenario

In the U.S. BR2, according to the projection, only the WAM scenario enables U.S. to achieve the 2020 target. Could the U.S. identify the most important additional measures included in the WAM scenario? Could the U.S. explain the range of projected 2020 emission in the WAM scenario?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

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[Title:](#) the CPP

Clean Power Plan is among the most important mitigation actions of the President's Climate Action Plan 2013. Although the Party has explained that the estimated mitigation impact was not reported because the Plan is expected to start delivering emission reductions after 2020, it is believed that the anticipation of full implementation of CPP will have significant impacts on the electricity market and relative investment choices before 2020. Has the U.S. prepared

any alternative approaches to mitigate emission of electricity sector in case the CPP is canceled?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

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[Title:](#) the President's Climate Action Plan 2013

Among the various components of the President's Climate Action Plan 2013, could the U.S. explicitly list those have been approved by the Congress and also those issued by the President's executive orders?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

[Question by](#) United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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[Title:](#) Impact of policy announcements since the BR

What assessment have you carried out of the impact of policy announcements made since the publication of your BR?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

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Title: Additional measures scenario

Please can you provide more information about the policy assumptions which are included in the additional measures scenario as described in Annex 2 of the BR – including a list of policies included in the assumption, with their contributions?

Answer by United States of America

Not answered

Question by United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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Title: Estimating the impact of policy

The USA reports impacts of individual mitigation measures in CTF3 of the BR2 but uses a different method to estimate the overall impacts of policy. Has work been undertaken to reconcile the outcomes of these two different types of analysis and, if so, could the USA provide information on the methodology and the outputs of the reconciliation?

Answer by United States of America

Not answered

Question by Brazil at Monday, 27 February 2017

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Title: Additional measures

The US GHG Emission Reduction Target for 2020 is in the range of 17% below 2005 levels. In page 36, the US states that “emissions under the 2016 Current Measures scenario are

expected to be 13–15 percent below 2005 levels in 2020”. In the same page there is the following: additional measures projections “have the potential to bring emissions to 22–27 percent below 2005 levels in 2025”. Does it mean that only adopting additional measures the 2020 target will be achieved?

In page 39 the US states that “future administrations or Congress have further options on the table that they can exercise to bring us to, or beyond, the upper range of our target”. What are the commitment to put the additional measures in place?

[Answer by](#) United States of America

Not answered

[Question by](#) Brazil at Monday, 27 February 2017

[Category:](#) All emissions and removals related to its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

[Type:](#) Before 28 February

[Title:](#) GHG emissions projected - 2020

Regarding table 6(a) “Information on updated greenhouse gas projections under a ‘with measures’ scenario”, could the US please explain why the GHG emissions projected for 2020 in BR2 are below to those projections contained in BR1 (totals with and without LULUCF)?

[Answer by](#) United States of America

Not answered

[Question by](#) Brazil at Monday, 27 February 2017

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[Title:](#) Appendix 3: U.S. Policies and Measures - Lessons learned and barriers

Regarding “Appendix 3: U.S. Policies and Measures”, a significant number of mitigation actions was listed. Congratulations for that. However, there are some mitigation impacts not estimated. Please, inform the reasons for not doing so. What are the difficulties?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

[Question by](#) Brazil at Monday, 27 February 2017

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[Title:](#) Appendix 3: U.S. Policies and Measures - 2013/2020

Regarding “Appendix 3: U.S. Policies and Measures”, are there any methodological difference between estimates of mitigation impacts related to 2013 and those related to 2020?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

[Question by](#) Brazil at Monday, 27 February 2017

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[Title:](#) “Appendix 3: U.S. Policies and Measures”

Regarding “Appendix 3: U.S. Policies and Measures”, the most updated estimates of mitigation impacts are those related to 2013, which is the most updated historical GHG emissions year.

What are the methodological reasons for that?

What are the links between estimates of mitigation impacts and GHG Inventory?

[Answer by](#) United States of America
Not answered

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