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Clarification of mitigation pledges

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Streamlined information will give better understanding of mitigation pledges of both Annex I and non-Annex I countries

- Clear and complete information gives better picture of where we stand:
 - Starting point for stepping up ambition
 - Comparability
 - Enhance cooperation in implementation
 - Allow for further work towards a legally binding agreement
- Should be in a standardized format

Annex I countries: economy wide emission reductions, same type of information

Issues related to comparability:

- Emission reduction commitment for 2020
- Base year or reference year
- Reduction related to 1990

Issues related to accounting:

- Ensure that all sectors and gases are included
- GWP values
- LULUCF – accounting rules
- Use of mechanisms
- The averaging period

Non-Annex I pledges

- A challenge: pledges are of different types, so different elements of information are relevant.
- Compile basic information as a starting point, can be followed up through reporting.
- Getting the basics will facilitate implementation and speed up international support

Non-Annex I pledge type I: Emission reduction relative to base year

- relevant information:

- % emission reduction by 2020
- Base year and base year emissions
- Sectors and gases included
- GWP values
- Use of mechanisms
- Actions that will be implemented through domestic means
- Actions that need international support

Non-Annex I pledge type II: Emission reductions relative to business-as-usual - relevant information:

- % emission reduction by 2020
- Business as usual projection: assumptions on BAU trajectory emissions, baseline or reference level, permanence of BAU
- Sectors and gases included
- GWP values
- Use of mechanisms
- Actions that will be implemented through domestic means
- Actions that seek international support

Pledge type III: reduction in CO₂ per unit of GDP (intensity target)

- relevant information:

- % intensity reduction
- Base year
- GDP and CO₂ reference levels, assumptions on GDP trajectory
- Sectors and gases included
- Actions that will be implemented through domestic means
- Actions that seek international support

Next steps

- Use information already submitted, develop structured presentation
- Allow parties to add new information – can be enhanced over time
- Include as part of Durban outcome