

Report by

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To the second meeting of the Comité de Paris held on 8 December 2015

On their informal consultations undertaken on Cooperative Approaches and Mechanisms

- We received a mandate from the President to facilitate Ministerial-led consultations with Parties to consider drafting guidance in relation to Article 3.19 and Article 3 ter.
- With the very limited time that was available to us – this afternoon only – we met with as many Parties as possible and subsequently all views were heard in the Ministerial-led informal consultations under the Comité de Paris on this subject. It was well attended with good representation and lasted one and a half hours.
- In that time, many Parties clearly demonstrated their willingness to look for compromise and solutions.

Cooperative approaches

- There was interest from many Parties in having provisions that facilitate cooperative approaches with specific principles and a work programme by the CMA.
- The key principles were environmental integrity, avoiding double counting, promoting sustainable development and the voluntary nature of such cooperation.
- Some Parties expressed their view that these provisions should not form part of the Agreement.

Article 3 ter mechanisms

- Most Parties wanted at least one mechanism but some saw a role for both mechanisms. Very few Parties considered that these two mechanisms could be combined into a single mechanism.
- Parties shared views on the key aspects of such mechanisms, such as the nature of participation.
- A number of Parties explained that such a mechanism would need to be durable over time, with the potential for varied application.
- Some Parties expressed their view that these provisions should not form part of the Agreement.

- In summary, it was a very positive engagement by Parties within the limited time available and we thank them for their efforts.