

Review issues related to policies and measures and provision of support

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List of review issues for group work

1. Differences in estimates of mitigation impacts of PaMs in 2020
2. PaMs implemented or planned since previous NC/BR
3. Estimates of mitigation impacts reported as NE
4. Overlapping arrangements reported under paras 3, 7 & 24
5. Reporting on financial support provided by non-Annex II Parties
6. Reporting in international currency in CTF tables 7



1. How to assess a significant difference in estimates of mitigation impacts in 2020 of the same PaMs compared to the previous BRs/NCs?



Guidelines: Para 6. Each Annex I Party shall provide information on its mitigation actions, including on the policies and measures it has implemented or plans to implement since its last NC/BR to achieve its economy-wide emission reduction target.

CTF table 3 on mitigation actions and their effects has a column on estimates of mitigation impact in 20XX and 2020.

Example:



- The ERT noted that PaMs listed in CTF table 3 differed significantly between the BR1 and BR2, making comparisons difficult. During the review, Portugal explained that the reporting on PaMs was revised between the BR1 and BR2.
- **The ERT notes that in its next BR, where necessary, Portugal could explain changes made in the way that mitigation actions are reported in CTF table 3 since the previous BR.**



1. How to assess a significant difference in estimates of mitigation impacts in 2020 of the same PaMs compared to the previous BRs/NCs?

Approach:

- If the ERT identifies a significant difference in mitigation effects of the same PaMs in two consecutive submissions without explanation in the BR, the ERT should:
- **Clarify the reasons for such differences (during the review week)**
 - *Note! Estimates of mitigation effects could be revised and PaMs may evolve over time.*
 - *Note!! The differences could be due to the changes in methods, assumptions, national circumstances and other factors influencing estimation of effects of mitigation actions.*
- The ERT may **take note of the differences** in the TRR.



2. How to assess information reported only on the new PaMs implemented or planned since previous NC/BR?

Example 1:

- The ERT noted that the BR2 and CTF table 3 include **information on a limited number of PaMs only**. The previous report presents a variety of PaMs with an implementation period up to 2020 or 2030 which contribute to the achievement of the quantified economy-wide emission reduction target. None of these PaMs have been included either in the BR2 or in CTF table 3, nor have they been reported as PaMs that are no longer in place.
- During the review, the Russian Federation noted that all the above-mentioned PaMs are ongoing and that the **information provided in the BR2 focused on new PaMs implemented since the BR1/NC6**.
- The ERT recommends that the Russian Federation increase the transparency of its reporting by including **information on its PaMs that contribute to the achievement of the target**.



2. How to assess information reported only on the new PaMs implemented or planned since previous NC/BR?



Example 2:



- In its BR2, Norway stated that the mitigation actions reported in CTF table 3 include only those important PaMs that are new or changed since its submission of the NC6/BR1.
- **The ERT recommends** that Norway, in its next BR, provide information on the entire scope of its mitigation actions, that is, those that are in implementation and planned to be implemented, including new PaMs that might be introduced in the period since the submission of the BR2 in order to enhance the completeness of its reporting.



2. How to assess information reported only on the new PaMs implemented or planned since previous NC/BR?



Approach:

- If the Party reported only on the new PaMs, it should **provide the reference to the previous NC/BR** which describes the previously existing PaMs.
- The ERT should check and **verify the reference to the previous NCs/BRs** and **ensure that indeed the PaMs are new and complementary** to the ones reported in the previous NC/BR.
- If the current submission lacks the reference to the previous NC/BR, the ERT should **make a recommendation to the Party to improve the completeness** of its reporting by providing complete and consistent information on all PaMs that were put in place to achieve the target.



3. How to review estimates of mitigation impacts of individual PaMs reported as NE in CTF table 3?

Example:

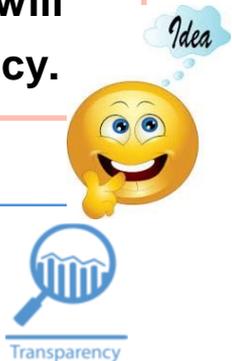
- The ERT noted that the mitigation impact for some PaMs was reported as “IE” in the BR1, but as “NE” in the BR2, even though the content and time horizon of the PaMs had not changed, and no explanation was provided.
- During the review, Latvia provided revised estimates for a number of PaMs, and for all other PaMs the mitigation impact was reported as “IE”, replacing “NE” originally reported. The Party explained that the main reason for the changes between the BR1 and BR2 was available financing that changed for a number of projects under implementation and this resulted in changes in the estimated mitigation impacts. During the review, Latvia resubmitted a revised CTF table 3 and a revised description of the relevant mitigation actions in the BR2.
- **The ERT notes** that transparency of the reporting could be improved by explaining the use of the notation keys “NE” and “IE”, including by specifying why it has not been estimated and where the mitigation impact is included.



3. How to review estimates of mitigation impacts of individual PaMs reported as NE in CTF table 3?

Approach:

- According to the RPG 2016 and the LR1 conclusions, CTF tables are mandatory requirements and therefore quantification of the effects of individual PaMs **shall be provided in CTF table 3**. However, due to national circumstances, Parties may not be able to quantify some of the policy impacts.
- If there are empty cells **(or NE)** in CTF table 3 on the quantified impacts; the justification is provided in the BR as to why they are not quantified; and the ERT is satisfied with such justification, **then the ERT will not raise this as a completeness or transparency issue in the TRR.**
- If there is no justification, the ERT should ask the Party during the review to provide justification for the use of NE in reporting the mitigation impacts. **This issue will then lead to the recommendation on either completeness or transparency.**



4. How to review overlapping information reported under paras 3, 7 & 24 on domestic institutional arrangements?



BR GL	Paragraph 3	Paragraph 7	Paragraph 24
Type of requirement	shall	shall	encourages, to the extent possible
Type of information	summary information + changes	changes	detailed information
Chapter in BR GL	national inventory	mitigations actions and their effects	other (compliance)
Purpose of arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reporting and archiving information estimating emissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> domestic compliance monitoring, reporting and archiving of information evaluation of progress towards target 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> self-assessment of compliance with mitigation commitments or reductions required by science (+ progress made in establishing rules against domestic non-compliance)



4. How to review overlapping information reported under paras 3, 7 & 24 on domestic institutional arrangements?

Example 1:

In English



- In its BR2, the United Kingdom described its **domestic institutional arrangements** used for domestic compliance, monitoring, reporting, archiving of information and evaluation of the progress made towards its target, but **it did not explicitly indicate whether or not these arrangements have changed** since the BR1. (PARA 3)
- During the review, the Party confirmed that there were no changes since the BR1. To improve the transparency of reporting, **the ERT recommends that** the United Kingdom **include in its next BR a statement on changes**, or the absence thereof, regarding its domestic institutional arrangements.
- The Climate Change Act sets out the **domestic arrangements for the process of self-assessment of compliance with emission reductions required by science, and it includes national rules for taking action against non-compliance with the national carbon budgets**. The domestic monitoring system gives an important role to the independent Committee on Climate Change, which advises the Government on setting the level of carbon budgets. (PARA 24)



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4. How to review overlapping information reported under paras 3, 7 & 24 on domestic institutional arrangements?

Example 2:



- The BR2 of the USA **does not include the information on the domestic arrangements established specifically for the process of self-assessment of compliance with emission reductions required by science**, other than a general explanation of institutional arrangements, or on the progress made in the establishment of national rules for taking local action against non-compliance with emission reduction targets. **(PARA 24)**
- During the review, the Party provided additional information, elaborating on federal rules and federal government support to facilitate, inter alia, consistent measurement and policy approaches.
- **The ERT encourages** the USA to improve the completeness of its reporting by providing, to the extent possible, information on these two matters in its next BR.



4. How to review overlapping information reported under paras 3, 7 & 24 on domestic institutional arrangements?

Approach:

- The ERTs should **review information addressing each of these paras**, recognising the differences in the requirements.
- Information on **national inventory arrangements (para 3) should be consistent with the NIR** of the GHG inventory submission.
- The ERT should review information on arrangements for domestic compliance, MRV and evaluation of progress (para 7) noting **a potential overlap** with information on self-assessment of compliance with emission reduction commitments (para 24) due to the overlapping technical essence of these two reporting requirements that are not precisely defined.
- If there is an overlap or a lack of reporting, then the ERT should clarify with the Party how information corresponds to the three reporting requirements or why the information was not reported and **provide a relevant recommendation or encouragement based on which paragraph has not been addressed.**



5. How to review information on financial support provided by non-Annex II Parties (in CTF tables 8 and 9)?



Example:



- **The ERT noted** that CTF tables 8 and 9 on the provision of technology development and transfer support, and capacity-building support, respectively, were not filled in with data or any relevant information.
- **The ERT also noted** that the transparency of the Party's reporting could be improved by providing relevant information in CTF tables 8 and 9, for example in **a footnote to those tables, clarifying that Belarus, as a Party not included in Annex II to the Convention, has no obligation to adopt measures and fulfil obligations** as defined in Article 4, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5, of the Convention, and, therefore, information has not reported in those tables.

Approach:

- In case a non-Annex II Party submits blank CTF tables 8 and 9, the ERT may suggest to a Party that it **use a notation key 'NA (not applicable)' and include footnote in both tables** to reflect that it is a non-Annex II Party and has no obligations to report on support.

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6. How to review amount of financial resources not provided in domestic currency or in USD?



Guidelines (para. 18(a)): The amount of financial resources includes the amount in original currency and its equivalent in United States dollars/international currency.

CTF tables 7, 7(a) and 7(b) require the amounts to be in domestic currency and USD.

Example:

- **The ERT noted** that parts of the information provided in CTF tables 7, 7(a) and 7(b) was provided **in EUR only**, without providing its equivalent in USD. During the review, the Party provided the required information expressed in USD for CTF tables 7, 7(a) and 7(b), noting that the appropriate OECD exchange rates were used for converting EUR into USD.
- **The ERT recommends** that the Party provide, in its next BR, all financial information on support provided in the original currency (EUR) and its equivalent in USD, as required by the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on BRs. The ERT noted that indicating the applied exchange rates for converting EUR into USD would further enhance the transparency of the reporting.



6. How to review amount of financial resources not provided in domestic currency or in USD?



Approach:

- If a **Party does not provide financial information in its domestic currency or in USD**, the ERT should during the review:
 - Clarify why the Party did not provide that information in the CTF tables;
 - Make the Party aware of publicly available exchange rates (e.g. from the OECD);
 - Explain to the Party the importance of comparable financial information across Parties;
 - Request that the Party provide updated information in its domestic currency or in USD during the review.
- In the TRR, the ERT should, as applicable:
 - Reflect the financial information in the currency reported by the Party;
 - Note that the Party failed to provide financial information in its domestic currency or in USD as requested during the review;
 - Include any explanations provided by the Party with regard to the currency used for reporting financial information;
 - “Recommend” that the Party provide the requested information in its domestic currency or in USD (whichever is not reported) or a duly substantiated explanation for the gaps/inconsistencies in the next BR/CTF tables.
- If a Party **provided financial information in its domestic currency or in USD**, the ERT should reflect that in the TRR.



Thank you!!

