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Greetings,

Saudi Arabia on behalf of Arab Group would like to thank you for your great efforts in preparing the third revised building blocks. But we still have concerns in various areas of this document (**highlighted in red**). The main concern is that the optionality is still not clear in the document and needs to be more evident, and we want to see the last informal note agreed in May session to be reflected and merged within the below table. This will distinguish the 3 models and the optionality that most of the Parties are requesting will be provided. The negotiation cannot continue without taking this document in the context of the 3 models agreed upon in May session APA 1-3.

Co-facilitators, we trust that you will reflect the points I have raised during today's informal consultation and we trust that our options will be included. The following are few more items (**in red fonts**) that we would like to see them reflected in the informal note:

Possible building blocks	Details
I. Modalities	
Overarching issues	
[Guiding ...] [Guiding principles] [Linkages] [Context] [Mandate] [Objective]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

<p>[Overall process]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Governance] [Structure (phases/activities)] [Management of inputs] [Support for effective and equitable participation] [Adjustment of modalities] <p>This is too premature and needs to be deleted.</p> <p> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Post GST/during the ambition cycle event] <p>We did not agree to this, as this goes beyond the mandate of the GST</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GST will be conducted by the CMA with the assistance of: <p><i>Options</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBI and SBSTA, which will establish three thematic roundtables and designate the SBs Chairs and Co-Chairs to moderate thematic roundtables <p><i>Options</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity C – apolitical phase consideration of outputs closure of the GST CMA GST Statement – Outcome <p><i>Options</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parties to prepare and consider the information sources identified for the GST...etc <p><i>Options</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GST will be conducted in a transparent manner and with full participation of Parties who determine the level of participation, in particular during the exchange of views is taking place.
<p>Activity A – Preparatory phase/Information gathering and compilation/Technical input</p>	
<p>[Timing and duration]</p> <p>[Preparing inputs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Call for inputs] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity A should start <p>Views <i>Options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to 2 months prior to CMA session, Parties to upload their submissions online using GST portal. <p><i>Options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sources of inputs should be limited to Parties, constituted bodies under the convention and Paris Agreement.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Compilation and synthesis] <p>We did not agree on synthesis and we suggest to remove it or separate it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Identification of gaps and call for additional inputs] <p>We did not agree on this and this supposed to be party driven process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Guidance for preparing inputs] <p>We did not agree on this and this supposed to be party driven process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allow submissions by Parties to be uploaded online in order to avoid undue burden on Parties and to ensure durability and resilience of the process. <p><i>Options:</i></p> <p><i>Correction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parties to upload all submissions.... etc.
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Activity B - Technical phase/Technical consideration of inputs, take stock, assess collective progress and prepare outputs/Technical Consideration/Prepare reports and key messages	
<p>[Aim]</p> <p>[Structure]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [themes/workstreams/workshops/dedicated dialogues/round tables...] <p>[Consideration of inputs]</p> <p>[Guidance]</p> <p>[Outputs]</p>	<p><i>Options</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform Parties in updating and enhancing in a nationally determined manner, their actions and support as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action. <p><i>Activity B</i> will comprise of:</p> <p><i>Options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three Roundtables moderated by SBs Chairs and Co-Chairs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate action; 2. Climate support; and 3. Impact of climate action including the impact of response measures <p><i>Options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties to determine guidance (e.g. specific questions to be addressed) <p><i>Options</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary reports from Thematic Roundtables to the CMA <p><i>Options</i></p>

<p>[Participation]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Dialogue among Parties] [Exchange of views among parties] [Technical views among parties] [...] <p>Placeholder for relevant ongoing work</p> <p>We did not agree on this, please delete.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Events will be open, inclusive, transparent and facilitative and will allow Parties to engage and discuss with experts from IPCC to consider inputs and assess collective progress. Operationalization of the advice from SBSTA on how the assessment of the IPCC could inform the GST There is no mandate to operationalize the advice from SBSTA, this has been completed and no further mandate is required. Needs to be removed.
<p>Activity C – Political phase/Consideration of outputs/Consideration of reports and key messages/Closure of the GST - Outcome</p>	
<p>[Structure]</p>	<p><i>Options</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-level gathering and delivering a final statement by CMA presidency on GST <p><i>Options</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CMA Presidency final statement on GST contains a summary of the collective progress to inform Parties including information on impacts (e.g. impact of response measures)
<p>[Outcome]</p>	
<p>II. Sources of input</p>	
<p>Other inputs (information needs) replace with [Additional inputs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Information on sustainable development and poverty eradication] [Information on social and economic impact of response measures] <p>[Additional sources of inputs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Management of sources of inputs] [Guidance for identifying additional sources of inputs] <p>This is against the nature of the Party driven process. No agreement on this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parties' long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies as described in 1/CP.21 Paragraph 35, presented in an aggregated format. This is not linked to GST.