Working document

[Section D - Mitigation]

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Work on provisions for the draft Agreement[2]

Main observations:

- The facilitated group received the report from the informal meeting on implementing jointly. It acknowledged the proposal developed by this group to retain the first concept contained within the provision considered,[3] which states that "Parties, including regional economic integration organizations and their member States, may prepare, communicate and [/or] implement [their] mitigation [commitments][contributions][actions] jointly". Some Parties noted it will need further operationalization. The Parties agreed that the other concepts contained in Article 5 relating to cooperative arrangements should be kept separate.
- Building on the overview of what Parties see as elements of the draft agreement and the draft decision or decisions to be adopted in Paris, as presented during the first meeting, the facilitated group considered elements that are subject to further negotiations but enjoy broad support to be included in the ADP outcome.
- Elements with broad support to be included in the ADP outcome:
    - Collective efforts;
    - Individual efforts;
        - ⇨ The informal meeting on differentiation continued to work on identifying the different ways for expressing differentiation with regard to the individual efforts.
    - Ambition and progression;
    - Implementing jointly;
        - ⇨ See above for the outcomes of the work in the informal meeting on implementing jointly.
    - Flexibility for LDCs/SIDS;
- Parties also identified elements whose inclusion requires further consideration:
    - Use of Market Mechanisms;
        - ⇨ An informal meeting was established to primarily address paragraphs 9 and 78 of Part II and Articles/paragraphs 14-19 of Part III of the Co-Chairs' Tool, in order to develop a streamlined proposal on how the ADP outcome could reflect this issue if it were to be included.
    - "Non-markets" (Joint Mitigation and Adaptation Approaches and Cooperative Mechanism (Sustainable Development));
        - ⇨ The informal meeting established on this issue on Monday continued to primarily address paragraphs 10 and 29 of Part II, and Article/paragraph 20 of Part III of the Co-Chairs' Tool, in order to develop a streamlined proposal on how the ADP outcome could reflect this issue if it were to be included.

[1] This version reflects work of the facilitated group of 2 and 3 September.
[2] Numbering of provisions reflects the numbering in the Co-Chairs' Tool of 24 July (ADP.2015.4.Informal Note, annex II, available at <http://unfccc.int/6911.php?priref=600008595>).
[3] Article 5 of Part I of the Co-Chairs' Tool.

- Actions in the Land Use Sector and REDD plus;
  - ⇨ An informal meeting was established to primarily address Article/paragraph 21of Part III, and paragraphs 11 and 12 of Part II of the Co-Chairs' Tool, in order to develop a streamlined proposal on how the ADP outcome could reflect this issue if it were to be included.
- Response Measures;
  - ⇨ An informal meeting was established to primarily address Article/paragraph 25 of Part III of the Co-Chairs' Tool in order to develop a streamlined proposal how the ADP outcome could reflect this issue if it were to be included.
- International Transport.

- The facilitated group agreed that the following issues would benefit from discussions with a view to deepening understanding of the concepts contained and their role in the ADP outcome:
  - Collective Efforts, as addressed in Article 3 of Part I and Article/paragraph 6 of Part III of the Co-Chairs' Tool;
  - Verbs/steps of the commitment (e.g. prepare, communicate, implement, maintain) as addressed in Article 4 of Part I of the Co-Chairs' Tool:
  - Features of the commitment (e.g. quantifiability, long term trajectory, conditionality, consistent with further guidance) as addressed in Articles/paragraphs 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 of Part III of the Co-Chairs' Tool;
  - Progression and ambition, as addressed in Articles 6 and 7of Part I of the Co-Chairs' Tool.

- The facilitated group started discussion based on the text contained in Article 3 of Part I of the Co-Chairs' Tool:
  - In considering Collective Efforts, the group identified three concepts contained in Article 3 of Part I of the Co-Chairs' Tool: 1) a collective commitment (e.g. all Parties shall or should enhance mitigation efforts, make individual efforts, cooperate); 2) differentiation (e.g. references to Article 4 of the Convention, CBDRRC, equity, groups of Parties, support); and 3) a direction of travel (e.g. references to the long term temperature limit, achieving long-term emissions reductions, global peaking of emissions as soon as possible, an emission budget, climate neutrality by the end of the century, reflecting latest science and zero net emission pathways).
  - Some Parties considered that a collective commitment would apply equally to all Parties and, therefore, no references to differentiation are required. Other Parties saw this collective commitment as a framing provision and, therefore, would require a reference to differentiation. A few Parties were of the view that there is no need to include a provision on collective effort in the ADP outcome and that the individual commitment for each Party is sufficient.
  - With regards to the direction of travel, some Parties noted that the long term temperature limit is relevant for other sections and, therefore, should be contained in the general/objective section (section C). Other Parties expressed the view that the general objective should be further operationalized by a mitigation specific objective. That mitigation specific objective would address quantifiable aspects such as, for example, peaking, budget, GHG neutrality or climate neutrality. A few Parties indicated that some of the options for the direction of travel are not well understood and would need to be defined.
  - One Party made a proposal to use the collective effort as a chapeau for the individual effort.