

Working document

[Section J – Time frames and process related to commitments/contributions/Other matters related to implementation and ambition]

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Observations and notes by the Co-Facilitators:

- Following the discussions in the facilitated groups on procedural and institutional provisions and on time frames, Parties agreed to discuss issues related to the housing of commitments/contributions in an informal meeting (spin-off group) facilitated by Dr. Christina Voigt (Norway) and Dr. Dean Bialek (Marshall Islands), which was held on 3 September.
- The Co-Facilitators of the informal meeting reported back to the group on time frames, noting that the spin-off group had discussed the legal, political and practical implications of the various options for housing of commitments/contributions. These could include an annex or annexes, an online or public registry, and a compilation of national schedules. It was noted that there might be a need for different modes or formats for communicating commitments/contributions and for finalising or inscribing them under the Agreement. Concerns were expressed that overly complicated templates or tables may pose difficulties for some, but should provide an opportunity for Parties to communicate the full range of relevant information.
- The Co-Facilitator presented a further elaboration of his list of elements, which he had shared with the group yesterday. This presentation led to a good discussion that helped to further clarify Parties' understanding of the issue. Parties acknowledged the need for a collective moment to take stock. Many Parties also noted that different issues had their own particularities.
- The Co-Facilitator stated that he would undertake a further revision of his list in an effort to reflect in it, under his responsibility, the comments made this morning.¹ He encouraged Parties to continue to discuss this issue among themselves in the intersessional period.

¹ See http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_aug_2015/in-session/items/9170.php