

Work of the Spin-off group on Article 3 on Mitigation and related decision paragraphs

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A. DRAFT AGREEMENT

Article 3 *(MITIGATION)*

{3.7 Features}

{In agreement}

Option 1: Each Party's [NDMC*][INDC] [shall][should] be quantified or quantifiable, [be unconditional, at least in part¹], maintain coverage of emissions and removals covered previously, and strive for coverage of all significant emissions and removals over time. Additional guidance may be elaborated by decision [of the CMA][1.CP/21].

Option 2: Each Developed country party's [NDMC*][INDC] shall be quantified, cover all key categories of emissions by sources and removals by sinks and use common Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) metrics, guidance and guidelines for the estimation of greenhouse gas emissions and removals; and others strive to communicate this over time. Additional guidance may be elaborated by the [CMA] [IPC] at its [x] session.

Option 3: Guidance on the features of [NDMCs*][INDC] to be elaborated by decision [of the CMA] [1.CP/21].

Option 4: Guidance on the features of [NDMCs*][INDC] to be elaborated by decision of the CMA at its x session.

Option 5: No text in agreement

{In decision}

Option 1:

[Decides][Notes] that [Parties'] [will][should][may] [developed countries will and others strive to] [developed countries will] communicate NDMCs that:

- (a) [are quantified or quantifiable [or qualitative];]
- (b) [are unconditional, at least in part²] [, with developing countries able to communicate additional levels of mitigation action able to be implemented with support;] [noting developing countries' NDMCs may be expressed as an unconditional target and a conditional target based on the provision of finance and/or technology transfer and/or capacity-building;]
- (c) [consider maximizing adaptation co-benefits, and may include contributions in the form of co-benefits resulting from the Party's adaptation contributions and economic diversification plans;]
- (d) [strive to include all key categories of anthropogenic emissions and removals;]
- (e) [continue to include any sources, sink or activity that has been previously included, or explain any exclusion in that regard][and its impact][on the achievement of its NDMC*]
- (f) [ensure the NDMC is based on real and verifiable information, and that baselines are transparently defined;]

¹ [South Africa wishes its reservation on the original text in brackets to be recorded: "We do not accept any unconditional part of contributions that are nationally determined, particularly if this is a precondition under Art 17."]

² [South Africa wishes its reservation on the original text in brackets to be recorded: "We do not accept any unconditional part of contributions that are nationally determined, particularly if this is a precondition under Art 17."]

- (g) [use [common] Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) metrics, guidance and guidelines for the estimation of greenhouse gas emissions and removals as agreed by the CMA];]
- (h) [Take into account the relevant outcomes of the global stock-take and the process to facilitate implementation as set out in Articles 10 and 11, respectively;]

[Notes that Parties' NDMCs may:

- (a) [prioritize actions that are immediately implementable, scalable and results oriented, including REDD-plus;]
- (b) [use a joint mitigation and adaptation approach for the integral and sustainable management of forests as an alternative policy approach to results-based payments.]]

Option 2:

No text

Notes:

- *Some of the sub-items listed under features in October/November text taken up elsewhere in Article 3 or the agreement (eg. link to global stocktake, environmental integrity)*
- *Some Parties suggested that some of the sub-items could be taken up in Article 9*
- *Flexibility for LDCs SIDS African States addressed elsewhere in Article 3*