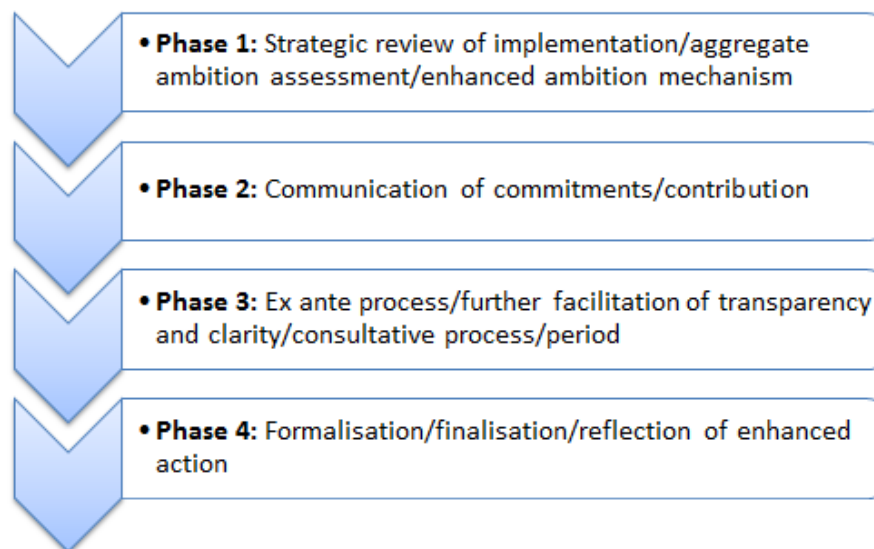


## SUGGESTIONS FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS 28 MEMBER STATES TO IMPROVE THE STRUCTURE OF THE GENEVA TEXT SECTION J – TIMEFRAMES

- The 2015 Agreement must be dynamic – capable of responding to the latest science in a way that enables us on track to achieve the below 2°C objective and the long term goal of the Agreement.
- As such the content of section J of the Geneva text is critical.
- This is a good example to demonstrate that restructuring of the Geneva text is essential to make progress to present clear options to our Ministers.
- The diagram and the table below are using the headings and sub-headings of the Geneva text to structure in a neutral manner. The phases outlined are purely to clarify the proposition and facilitate discussion



- Taking that approach, we see merit in organising discussions accordingly in order to unpack and simplify this complicated section:

## Suggestions on structure of the Section J – Timeframes

<i>Cluster of issues</i>	<i>Paragraphs</i>
<i>Broader issues</i>	
<b>Obligation to maintain and update a commitment Scope of commitments</b>	162, 164, 165, 168 options 1&2, (Section D overlaps) 184 (Section L overlaps)
(i) Progression on previous commitments	166 (Section D overlaps)
(ii) Housing of commitments	178 options 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,11 (section D overlaps)
(iii) Upwards/exceptional adjustment at any time	180 (section D overlaps); 181
(iv) Retroactive or no application of rules	182 (section I overlaps); 183
<b>Timeframe of commitments</b>	168 option 3 (section D overlaps)
<b>Scope of the commitments</b>	173 options 1 & 2
<b>Start date for implementation of agreement</b>	163 (Section L overlaps)
<b>New institutional arrangements</b>	193 (section L para 213 repetition)
<i>Issues related to dynamic process</i>	
<b>Phase 1 Strategic review of implementation/aggregate ambition assessment/ enhanced ambition mechanism</b>	
(i) Establishment of the process	176 option 4; 185 option 1, 3; Option II 162 (alternative process)
(ii) Purpose	186 options 1 – 4; 188
(iii) Process/inputs	189, 190
(iv) Timings	187
(v) Actions resulting from review	191
(vi) Mandate for COP/Governing Body	192
<b>Phase 2 - Communication of commitments/contributions</b> Section D overlaps	
(i) Obligation to revisit/update and timing	185 option 2; 169; 170; 171; 172
(ii) UFI	174
(iii) Recognition	175
<b>Phase 3 - Ex ante process/further facilitation of transparency and clarity/consultative process/ period</b>	
(i) Establishment of process	176 option 1, 2, 3, 5
(ii) Purpose (i.e. fairness/long term goal/science/comparability/ understanding)	176 chapeau 176 option 5 176.1 177 chapeau 177.1 186 option 5
(iii) Process/inputs (i.e. principle based framework/transparency/clarity/)	176 option 3; 176.1, 176.2 176 option 5 176.2 177.2
(iv) Timings	176 option 3 176.3
(v) Mandate to COP/Governing Body	176 option 3 176.5 176 Option 3 176.6
<b>Phase 4 - Formalisation/finalisation/reflection of enhanced action</b>	
<b>Formalisation/finalisation/reflection of enhanced action</b>	176 option 3 176.4 176 option 5 176.3 177.3 179 178 options 4, 5

- Although the dynamic 5 yearly process to increase ambition should be an integral part of the 2015 Agreement, much of the detail on modalities can be included in accompanying Decisions. A non-exhaustive list providing some examples from the Geneva text is outlined below for further consideration:

### **What could be in Decisions**

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Paragraphs that could be considered for Decisions</i>
<b>Strategic review of implementation/aggregate ambition assessment/ enhanced ambition mechanism</b>	
Details on process	190 bullet list
Further modalities determined by the COP/Governing body	192 bullet list
<b>Ex ante process/further facilitation of transparency and clarity/consultative process/ period</b>	
Details on process	176 option 4 ,176.3
Mandate to COP/Governing body	176 option 3 176.5