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**US intervention for first reading session on adaptation, June 1 (STREAMLINING ONLY)**

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair, for giving me the floor. We want to leave Bonn with a workable adaptation text, and we appreciate the Co-Chairs' suggestion to identify more focused alternatives. We would like to put forward a few proposals for how we might further consolidate in order to get to workable text. I would like to focus on paragraphs 50-60 and paragraphs 68-78.

On the paragraph related to the long-term and global aspects of adaptation, paragraph 50:

In addition to what the Secretariat captured for streamlining, we suggest merging options 1 and 13, both of which have subparagraphs that speak of adaptation costs in context of temperature [Option 1 para 50.1, 50.2, 50.3; Option 13 para b, c and d].

Furthermore, we note that we see – on a conceptual level – four categories or buckets of options for paragraph 50. Could we come out of Bonn with a working document that streamlines the text from 13 options to 4 options? We see those four conceptually distinct categories being:

1. No global goal
2. Some combination of qualitative goals for all Parties to take, which are directly linked to universal individual commitments
3. Some combination of goals that are articulated in the text as a long-term vision
4. Some combination of finance-related goals

On the paragraphs related to commitments, paragraphs 51-53:

The Secretariat's options for streamlining look fine. We do see additional possibilities for streamlining, or at least bundling together so we can consider where there is convergence and divergence. We are not saying these are all saying the same thing, but they could at least be bundled together for consideration:

- Several paragraphs on adaptation being gender sensitive, country driven, participatory, etc. [Option 3 para 51.1, 51.3, 51; Option 4 paras 51.1-3; Option 7, para h; Option 9 para b.]
- Several paragraphs on support, namely finance – to be moved into one bundle and into finance section [Option 3 chapeau, 51.2, 51.4, 51.5, 51.6, 51.7 (d), 51.8 (e); Option 10 para 53].
- And then there are all the NAP or national adaptation planning related paragraphs [Aspects of Option 1; Option 3 para 51.8 options (a) and (b); Option 4; Option 5 para 51.1; Option 10 chapeau].

In addition, we note that we see – on a conceptual level – two very distinct ways in which Parties have approached the notion of commitments in paragraph 51. Some Parties look at commitments from the perspective of individual commitments that are universal. Others look at the commitments as bifurcated, or in other words, where one set of Parties commits to do one thing, and another set of Parties commit to doing another thing. Could we spend our time this and next week streamlining this section from 10 options to two along these conceptual lines? Could we agree to move the options related to finance commitments to the finance section?

On the issues of communication, monitoring and evaluation, paragraphs 54-60:

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The Secretariat's options for streamlining this sub-section look fine. In addition, we offer two more suggestions:

1. First, we should consider together paragraphs 54 through 56 – under the subheader on commitments/contributions/actions – and paragraphs 57 through 60 – under the subheader “monitoring and evaluation”. There are paragraphs, for example, from the subsection titled “monitoring and evaluation” that relevant to communication:
  - Para 57, option 4, option 6, and 2<sup>nd</sup> para of option 7 (all 3 of which are about backward facing reporting, option 7 is focused on finance)
  - Para 58 (communication of adaptation priorities)
  - Para 59 (backward facing reporting, finance focused)
  - Para 60 (backward facing reporting)
2. Second, we think it be useful if we spent time in Bonn clarifying how Parties are envisaging communication in terms of both forward looking/updating and backward looking reporting of lessons learned. Current text is a mixed bag of updating and reporting. Could we come out of Bonn with a working document that (a) streamlines paragraphs 54-60; (b) makes clear that the options cover both (1) forward looking updating, (2) backward looking reporting; and (3) has clear options for both aspects of communication?

And finally, on the paragraphs related to loss and damage, paragraphs 68-78:

There is a lot of overlap in this subsection, as noted by the Secretariat's streamlining exercise. We agree with the areas of overlap identified by Secretariat.

In addition, we note that we see four substantively distinct conceptual options in the Geneva text. Could we come out of Bonn with a working document that reflects these four conceptually distinct options: (a) no reference; (b) referencing the WIM under adaptation section; (c) the concept articulated in Option II of the Geneva text; and (d) the concept articulated in Option III of the Geneva text?