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I. Overview

Australia thanks the Chair, Vice-Chair and Facilitators for their efforts and welcomes the opportunity to provide text proposals on agenda items 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.

Attached are specific, concise drafting proposals to the Co-Facilitators' non-papers covering:

- Paras 36-38 and paras 48-51 (at Attachment A)
- International Assessment and Review (IAR) and International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) (at Attachment B)
- Registry (at Attachment C)

Australia also welcomes the Co-Facilitators' non-papers on biennial reports for Annex I and non-Annex I Parties and considers that these notes should form the basis for negotiations in Durban.

II. Matters relating to paras 36-38 and 48-51 of the Cancun Agreements

Australia considers that issues relating to paras 36-38 and paras 48-51 fall into three main elements: clarification, accounting and transparency, and ambition. These elements could provide a useful structural basis for the text, as follows:

- Clarification and understanding of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets and nationally appropriate mitigation action, covering
 - A request to Parties to make further submissions, in a standard template of additional information regarding their targets and actions; and
 - Regular updates to the INF documents in paras 36 and 49 to reflect this new information.
- Accounting and transparency, covering
 - High level principles and guidance for a common accounting framework consisting of common elements, coupled with flexibility to allow countries to maximise their mitigation efforts and take account of national circumstances and capabilities; and
 - A work program to develop these common elements.
- Ambition, covering
 - An acknowledgement that current efforts by developed and developing countries are not sufficient to meet the 2 degrees or lower global goal;







- Recognition that further work on clarification of targets and actions, as well as biennial reports and IAR and ICA, will help build the confidence developed and developing countries need to scale up ambition. As will establishing the registry focused on facilitating matching support to actions seeking support; and
- Establishment of a process to scale up individual targets and actions over time, linked to the 2013-2015 Review.

Drafting proposals for these elements are at Attachment A.

III. Modalities and procedures for IAR and ICA

Australia considers the Co-Facilitators' non paper to be a useful basis for negotiations. Australia's drafting proposals on IAR and ICA are aimed at enhancing international understanding and transparency of the mitigation efforts of Parties. They seek to ensure processes are facilitative, flexible, robust and designed to maximise the capacity-building and information-sharing potential of the elements agreed in Cancun.

IAR and ICA are framed as two-step processes of expert review or analysis, feeding into international assessment or consultations.

Drafting proposals for these elements are at Attachment B.

IV. Registry

Australia considers that a registry decision at Durban should focus on facilitating the matching of support with actions seeking support.

The attached text proposal aim at a decision that establishes a practical, user-friendly design for the registry and provides necessary guidance on implementation. As a first step, the Secretariat is requested to set up a prototype, while a continuing work plan will allow for finalisation of modalities and guidelines. Swift progress on the registry will help deliver on the Cancun Agreements to match actions seeking international support with finance, technology and capacity-building.

Drafting proposals for this element are at Attachment C.





