

Draft decision text on institutional arrangements for the 2013-15 Review

Option for streamlining Institutional Arrangements for the Review in the Draft Decision Text

In Australia's view, the option to develop an institutional arrangement for the Review is under-developed in the consolidated draft text document. Significant technical work will be a necessary part of the review process. We therefore suggest a new option for inclusion in the draft decision text proposing a Review expert body be convened to conduct a technical phase of the review, reporting to SBSTA which would prepare recommendation to COP.

Please include the following text in the draft decision text under the appropriate heading dealing with the question of "who will conduct the Review":

[text follows on second page]

An option tasking a Review Expert Body

Review Expert Body reports to SBSTA

Decides that the 2013-2015 Review shall be guided by an advisory expert body [the Review Expert Body], which will conduct a technical phase during 2013 and 2014 and make recommendations on the issues referred in paragraph 138 of 1/CP.16, being the adequacy of the 2 degrees goal and the overall progress to achieve it, to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its 42nd session in 2015;

Also decides that the Review Expert Body shall have 40 members, with 20 members from developed country Parties and 20 members from developing country Parties, with members having expertise, knowledge and skills, in the area of climate change science and mitigation;

Invites the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat, in consultation with the President of the Conference of the Parties, to convene the initial meeting of the Review Expert Body in early 2012; the meetings of the Review Expert Body will be open to observers;

Requests the Review Expert Body to convene no less than three meetings a year during the technical phase [2013-14] and to conduct periodic consultative workshops inviting representation from all Parties [in coordination with meetings of SBSTA];

Requests the Secretariat, in consultation with the President of the Conference of the Parties, to make arrangements enabling relevant United Nations agencies, and the secretariat to second staff to support the work of the Review Expert Body;

Agrees that the Subsidiary Body Scientific and Technological Advice will consider the advice of the Review Expert Body [during 2015] and provide recommendation to COP21 in 2015, on immediate and appropriate mitigation actions and pathways.