

## READERS' GUIDE TO THE REVISED NEGOTIATING TEXT (FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/INF.1)

The Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) at its sixth session, had before it a negotiating text (FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/8) prepared by its Chair as requested by the AWG-LCA at its fourth session. During the sixth session Parties provided general comments on its structure and content, stated reservations and objections to elements of the text, and proposed additions and modifications. This resulted in a revised negotiating text (FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/INF.1), which will be the basis for the work of the AWG-LCA at the intersessional informal consultations to be held in Bonn from 10 to 14 August 2009.

The purpose of this note is to facilitate “navigating” and reading the revised negotiating text. The note explains methodological and presentational aspects and presents an overview of the current structure of the revised text in the form of an extended table of contents.

### **Presentation of new material**

This section explains the approaches taken in the revised text to numbering paragraphs, presenting proposals related to structure and placement, using brackets, and introducing new text within original paragraphs.

#### *Paragraph numbering:*

The numbering of the paragraphs in the original negotiating text has been maintained. The following general numbering scheme has been applied to the extent possible in order to accommodate new material within the original paragraph flow:

- **New paragraphs or subparagraphs** are indicated with an extended paragraph number (e.g. 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, etc. for new paragraphs after paragraph 15, or (a).1, (a).2, (a).3, etc. for new subparagraphs after subparagraph (a)).
- **Alternatives to original paragraphs** are indicated as such in the text with italic/underlined headings (e.g. “*Alternative to paragraph 55:*” or “*Alternative to subparagraph 19 (b):*”). (They are not assigned a separate paragraph number and follow the original paragraphs within the original paragraph flow.)
- For the following **special cases**, a paragraph number beginning with an “x” (e.g. x.1, x.2, x.3, etc.) has been applied:
  - Paragraphs placed at the beginning of a chapter or a section;
  - Self-contained proposals consisting of multiple paragraphs (e.g. a proposed new section);
  - Instances where other numbering difficulties were encountered.
- **Proposals for preambular paragraphs** are indicated as such in the text with italic/underlined headings, but they are not assigned a separate paragraph number.

#### *Proposals related to structure and placement:*

Suggestions related to the structure of the negotiating text and the placement of elements within it are presented without implementing them in three ways in the text:

- Suggestions related to structure and placement which have implications across several chapters of the document are presented in a list on pages 3–4 of the document.
- Suggestions related to structure and placement which are specific to a particular chapter are presented at the beginning of that chapter under the heading “*structural proposals*”; if

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Parties proposed to insert a new section at a specific place in the text, the proposal has been reflected in italics at the appropriate place.

- Proposals related to the placement of specific paragraphs or sections are indicated in the text in italics after the paragraph or section to which they refer.

### *Use of brackets:*

- Square brackets [] are used to indicate reservation or opposition to a particular part of the text.
- In the original negotiating text, options within paragraphs were indicated with curly brackets {}. If one or more of such options was bracketed by a Party, all curly brackets within that option were changed to square brackets.

### *Adding text within original paragraphs:*

New text proposed within original paragraphs was added within the respective paragraphs as and where proposed. If such new text was intended to replace a part of the original text of the paragraph, the proposed new text and the piece of original text were both put in square brackets.

### **Overview of contents of the revised negotiating text**

*Note: Parties have proposed modifications to chapter headings across the text. These modifications have been reflected in the revised text. However, due to reasons of readability, such proposed modifications are not included in the overview below. This practice does not indicate any preference for one formulation over another.*

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