

Drafting group on a shared vision for long-term cooperative action and the review

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Note by the facilitator

This note by the facilitator is an example of how some of the paragraphs in the text on a shared vision for long-term cooperative action¹ could be disentangled. It does not allocate any particular status to, or prejudge the future consideration of, those or other paragraphs in the text on a shared vision for long-term cooperative action. The example is for purposes of illustration only and is not meant to be comprehensive. As the example was produced on 8 October 2010, it could not take into account the discussions and textual changes made in the final meeting of the drafting group on 9 October 2010.

Framing

- Option 1: [Owing to their historical responsibility for the accumulation of greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere, Annex I Parties must show leadership by taking on ambitious, economy-wide, quantified emission reduction commitments and in providing technology, capacity-building, and new and additional financial resources to developing country Parties in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. Delay by Annex I Parties in implementing their short-, mid- and long-term commitments to reduce emissions will seriously impede the achievement of the objective in Article 2 of the Convention, intensify the need for and cost of adaptation, increase their responsibility for their disproportionate greenhouse gas emissions and the urgency for significantly increased ambition in their mitigation commitments. Such delay by Annex I Parties will increase the level of finance and technology support that they shall provide to developing country Parties.] (para 1 ter)
- Option 2: [We underline that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. We emphasize our strong political will to urgently combat climate change in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.] (para 1 ter)

Guiding principles and other elements

- [to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention] (para 2)
- [Radical reductions of emissions commensurate with the threat of climate change are required.][Parties believe that] [Deep] cuts in global emissions are required [according to][consistent with] science[, and as documented in the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] (para 2)

¹ Paragraph numbers refer to the draft text on a shared vision for long-term cooperative action as of 8 October 2010.

- [[guided by the categorical imperative of] [aimed at] safeguarding the fundamental right to [human] life] (para 3)
- [considering that the lack of full scientific certainty about different technologies should not be used as a reason for postponing these actions] (para 2)
- [in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities] [and respective capabilities] (para 2)
- [[taking into account] [based on] historical [responsibilities][emissions referred to in paragraph 2]] (para 2)
- on the basis of equity (para 2)
- [[preceded by] [subject to]a paradigm for equitable access to global atmospheric [space] [resources]] (para 3, 4)
- [allocating the remaining carbon budget up until 2050 according to the criteria of population and the climate emissions debt of Annex I Parties] [Annex II Parties]]] [based on per capita accumulative historical emissions, under which the leadership on emission reductions that needs to be shown by [Annex I Parties] [Annex II Parties][Parties who have listed their commitments for actions in Appendix I] must be clearly demonstrated and expressed] [taking into account special national circumstances [including those provided in Articles [4.6,] 4.8, 4.9 and 4.10 of the Convention.] and respective capabilities of Parties] [acknowledging that a certain degree of flexibility shall be allowed to the Parties included in Annex I undergoing the process of transition to a market economy] (para 2)
- [developed countries taking the lead] (para 2)
- [with absolute reductions by all developed countries and a decline in emissions relative to business as usual by developing countries] (para 2)
- [However, this emission reductions target on the part of developed country Parties as a group does not automatically imply that developing countries will pick up the remainder of the emission reductions, taking fully into account that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing country Parties. The extent to which developing country Parties will be able to contribute to the achievement of the long-term global goal will depend on the effective implementation by Annex I Parties and other developed Parties included in Annex II of their commitments under the Convention related to financial resources and transfer of technology. In this regard, developed country Parties should commit to provide [x] per cent of the Gross National Product and compulsory licensing of key climate-friendly technologies to developing country Parties] (para 4)
- [giving full consideration to Parties, especially developing country Parties, that would have to bear a disproportionate or abnormal burden under the long-term cooperative action of the Convention] (para 4 quinquies)
- [A low-emission development strategy is indispensable to sustainable development] (para 3)
- [In order to guarantee the compliance of Annex I Parties with the goals adopted in paragraphs x and y, a climate court of justice will be developed.] (para 4 bis)

Numerical expressions of the long-term global goal

Temperature

- Parties [should][shall] (para 2) [take [urgent] action][cooperate] to meet this objective with a view to reducing global emissions so as to [maintain] [hold] the increase in global [average] temperature [well] below [1][1.5] [2] degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels (para 2, 3)

Concentration levels

- [strive toward returning greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere to well below [300] [350] ppm CO₂ equivalent] [return concentration to levels as close as possible to pre-industrial levels in the longer-term]. (para 2)

Peaking

- [Parties][Developed country Parties] [Annex I Parties] [Parties other than countries with special circumstances in accordance with decision 26/CP.7] should cooperate in achieving the peaking of [global][their national] greenhouse gas emissions
 - [no later than 2015]
 - [in 2015 [and no later than 2020]]
 - [by 2020 at the latest,]
 - [as soon as possible,] (para 3)
- recognizing that the time frame for peaking of national emissions
 - [may vary in different countries]
 - [will be longer in developing country Parties, and bearing in mind that social and economic development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing country Parties]. (para 3)

Quantifications of emission reductions

- [Parties should [explore, through long-term cooperative action to] collectively reduce global emissions by [[at least]50] [85] [95] [more than 100] per cent from 1990 levels by 2050 [based on the scientific IPCC report.] [and should ensure that global emissions continue to decline thereafter.] [, and correction factors shall be taken in addressing greenhouse gas inventories to consider special and natural energy requirements for Parties due to natural phenomena of high weather temperature and low water resources.] (para 4)
- [Developed country Parties][Annex I Parties] [Parties as a group] should [aim to] reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by:
 - [at least [40][45] per cent from 1990 levels by 2020];
 - [80 per cent by 2035] ;
 - [more than 100 per cent from 1990 levels by 2040] ;
 - [[75-85] [[around] [80] [at least 80-95] [more than 95] per cent from 1990 levels by 2050]. (para 4)