

Working Document

[Section C - General/Objective]

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Discussion on Objective

Main observations:

- Many Parties considered that it would be preferable to refer to Article 2 of the Convention without reproducing it in full or translating it in specific contexts.
- Many Parties considered that the objective should include a reference to the limitation of temperature increase, with some noting in addition that such references must respect the context of that aim.
- Some Parties considered that the objective of the draft Agreement could be captured through a preambular reference to Article 2 of the Convention without a specific operative provision in the draft Agreement.

Discussion on Principles

Main observations:

- Parties highlighted the need for the objective of the draft Agreement to be guided by principles.
- Specific principles referred to by Parties were equity and CBDR&RC, the special circumstances of the most vulnerable, human rights and gender equality and the integrity of Mother Earth.

Discussion on General Obligations

Main observations:

- Some Parties stated the importance for the overall flow of the draft Agreement to have a general statement on the obligations of Parties under the draft Agreement based on paragraph 4 of Part III of the Co-Chairs' Tool.¹

Further observations and notes by the Co-Facilitators:

- The Co-Facilitators noted that objectives were also contained in other sections of the Tool and that the evolution of these discussions may impact on the development of any overall objective.
- The Co-Facilitators announced that they would consult with the Co-Chairs on next steps. The Co-Chairs requested the Co-Facilitators to proceed by consulting bilaterally with Parties with a view to the development of bridging proposals for the meeting on the issue scheduled for Thursday, 3 September at 19:00.

¹ Numbering of provisions refer to the numbering used in the Co-Chairs' Tool of 24 July (ADP.2015.4.Informal Note, Annex II - available at <http://unfccc.int/6911.php?preref=600008595>).