

EU in-Session Observations on Section J - Timeframes

The EU is of the view that there was much convergence around a logical way of presenting text for negotiation on the content of the timeframes section, without prejudice to the sections in which it would eventually sit. We note that many Parties asked for the dynamic elements related to 'periodic updating' to be outlined in sections D, E, F. We heard many highlight the facilitative nature of these dynamic processes (sharing experiences, benefitting from technological developments).

There are 3 main concepts currently captured in the co-chairs' tool

1. Housing, which all Parties agreed did not belong in a timeframe section. Our view is that the material there should be moved to Section D. We do not agree that there was consensus that it should sit in section L.
2. Global stocktake. There was broad convergence on the need for a collective stocktaking, of one or all elements, to inform the updating process(es), as well as inform institutions and stakeholders. Many considered that that could take place every 5 years. There was a willingness to further discuss what the purpose and scope of the stocktake might be, and the modalities – including the inputs and any expected outputs.
3. Updating processes for individual elements. Most Parties recognised the need for dynamism across mitigation, adaptation and MOI, but many thought that the processes may be different for each of the separate elements, and that we would benefit from treating them separately in the text. It was noted that the processes would be very dependent on the character of the obligation related to this element. This came across very clearly in the majority of interventions.

Finally, a number of Parties commented on the fact that thinking in this area has evolved significantly since inputs were made to the Geneva text, and that the text captured in the co-chairs' tool would need significant work to adequately capture the concepts.

The substantive discussions showed convergence around the key themes outlined above, and a willingness to discuss the processes and better understand positions. A much clearer structure will be needed to take this forward.

It is in this spirit that the EU is putting forward some suggestions for how text on dynamic processes could be organised. This is purely based on the issues and options that were raised in the facilitated and informal sessions, rather than repeating the EU's view on the topic.

Suggested mapping for text on dynamic processes, based on substantive discussions

What follows is intended as a neutral mapping of options in the interests of capturing progress. It does not repeat the EU's stated positions, which we maintain. The options listed are not mutually exclusive. Some options or concepts may have been missed. This is not an exhaustive list but provides an example.

1. Global stocktake

Purpose

Options:

- To consider ambition/ progress towards the Long Term goal (s)
- Review adequacy of action towards LTG (s)
- Consider/understand/review implementation
- To inform periodic updating
- To inform stakeholders/institutions under and beyond the Convention
- Individual or aggregate

Scope:

- All elements together at same time
- All elements have different stocktakes/timings
- Stocktake only for some elements

Timing

- Every 5 years

Inputs:

- IPCC/latest science
- Latest [individual] MRV reports
- Latest aggregate effect of NDCs
- Technological/social/economic info
- Information from other relevant processes and stakeholders

Outputs

- Aggregate/synthesis report (s)
- Other

In the Agreement: Establish the process, purpose, scope, timing, basic parameters

In the Decision: Further modalities (who, how, elaborated inputs, expected outputs, establish work programme [arrangements for first stocktake before entry into force])

2. Updating processes

(There is not universal agreement that there would be updating processes for all elements – but agreement that the dynamic process should be discussed separately)

In the Agreement: Establish the process(es), purpose, timing, basic parameters

In the Decision: Further modalities for the ex-ante process (who, how, elaborated inputs, expected outputs, establish work programme)

2.1. Mitigation

Logical structure may also be drawn from discussions under section D

Purpose:

- progression over time towards long term goal
- maintain successive commitments

Process

- Communication with UFI
- Ex ante/consultation process, for the purpose of clarity and understanding
- Finalisation/formalisation/housing

Timing: of updating

- Every 5 years, for all Parties, regardless of 5 or 10 year commitment periods (submit/resubmit)
- Before the expiry of existing commitments
- National choice

2.2. Adaptation

Limited discussion of specifics under Section J. Options below based on inputs from adaptation facilitator to the facilitated session on section J. Logical structure may also be drawn from discussions under section E

Purpose:

- progression over time towards long term goal or vision
- to learn lessons, understand and recognise efforts and priorities
- Inform improved coordination and delivery of support

Process

- Communication of adaptation planning, experiences, efforts, priorities and needs relating to future actions
- TEMs

Timing:

- Every 5 years
- Flexible

2.3. Means of Implementation

Little discussion of specifics under Section J. Options below based on inputs from finance facilitator to the facilitated session on section J.

Purpose:

- Review and replenishment of Financial mechanism
- Other

Process

- According to existing regulations of the Convention
- Other

Timing:

- FM regulations every 4 years
- Other