

## **Intervention by CARICOM - Proposed insertion of reference to Annex in Article 3 of draft agreement, 19 October 2015**

Co-chairs, I am pleased to take the floor on behalf of CARICOM, an alliance of 14 Caribbean countries.

CARICOM has long advocated that quantified mitigation commitments should be “housed” in an Annex to the Paris agreement, in such a way as these commitments are an integral part of the agreement and are clearly legally binding upon Parties at the international level.

The Geneva Negotiating Text (paragraph 178) and the Co-chairs Tool (Part I, article 38) both include several options for housing mitigation commitments, including the option of being inscribed in an **annex or annexes**. In ADP sessions during 2015, Parties have expressed a range of strong and consistent views on their preferred options for the “housing” of mitigation commitments or contributions in the agreement.

As you know, Saint Lucia’s annex proposal received focused attention in co-facilitated sessions and spin-off groups at the last session: see

[http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/application/pdf/adp2-10\\_ws1\\_annex\\_iii\\_plus\\_mapping\\_saint\\_lucia\\_02sep2015\\_ip.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/application/pdf/adp2-10_ws1_annex_iii_plus_mapping_saint_lucia_02sep2015_ip.pdf)

Despite this, the draft agreement in the Co-chairs’ Non-Paper (5 October) instead only provides for a single option, in Article 3.7:

*“3.7. The secretariat shall maintain in a public registry Parties’ nationally determined mitigation [contributions][commitments][other].”*

In the view of CARICOM members, the Non-Paper on this issue lacks balance and should reflect the annex option.

Given CARICOM’s consistent calls for mitigation commitments to be housed in an annex, we request the insertion in Article 3.7 of the following text:

*“[Each Party shall at all times maintain successive nationally determined mitigation commitments in Annex [X]] [and] [The secretariat shall maintain in a public registry Parties’ nationally determined mitigation [contributions][commitments][other]]”*

Thank you.