

Section G. [Technology development and transfer] – Paragraphs 129 and 131¹

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Conceptual discussion on paragraph 129 related to the long-term technology goal:

- The proponent of the proposal provided the following explanations:
 - The purpose would be to define a long-term and aspirational goal, which includes the process to be initiated to achieve the goal, and various aspects, detailed modalities would be elaborated after 2015;
 - The goal may serve as an umbrella to introduce the whole section; it would not impose new obligations to Parties, but rather provide more transparency, to facilitate the implementation of the Convention; it would not be related to the financial goal.
- Parties provided the following views and observations:
 - Need to look at this goal with a broad perspective, to set the vision for technology development and transfer in the Agreement (including para 131) and in relation to what could be addressed in decision, and also need to look at strengthening institutions;
 - High-level/aspirational goals could be about renewable energy, energy efficiency, etc.
 - More clarity is needed with regard to: what kind of goal(s), and how many, there would be, how it would be operationalized, what problems and solutions the goal would seek to address; and what “ready-to-transfer” means;
 - Need for more balance on “who does what” and not leave out the recipient side;
 - As technology development is driven by market and innovation the goal, as proposed, may not be consistent with processes under the Convention, which are driven by national actions;
 - The goal could be a way to measure progress and success of institutions and processes such as the Technology Mechanism and the technology needs assessments process.

Conceptual discussion on paragraph 131 on Framework for scaling up technology development and transfer:

- The proponent of the proposal provided the following explanations:
 - The framework could guide and provide a medium/long-term strategy to the Technology Mechanism in the following areas: technology assessment, access to technology by developing countries, financing for implementation of technology needs, for addressing barriers and for creating enabling environment for technology development and transfer;
 - The intention of the framework is not to create new mechanism;
 - The framework could provide means to measure the success of Technology Mechanism through key performance indicators.
- Parties provided the following views and observations:
 - Caution with regard to duplicating/overlapping of institutions and functions that have been established by decision 1/CP.16;
 - Need to recognize the importance of technology in the context of development and as a commitment under the Convention;
 - Recognising and building on the existing work of the institutions should be done in a robust and holistic manner. In this regard, the current institutions need to be empowered, if needed, with the involvement of the non-state actors;
 - Important to have the Agreement that provides for long-term flexibility and periodic review;
 - The proposal contains many elements that could be further unpacked and discussed, including: whether the objective is to review the Technology Mechanism, identifying gaps that the framework would address, financing elements, links with other institutions, accelerating technology development and transfer.

¹ Sections and paragraphs refer to those in document FCCC/ADP/2015/1.