

Section J, Paragraph 176 and 181¹

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Observations:

- There was a discussion over the use of brackets and slashes, in particular on consistency of approach, and some Parties called for further clarification on the use of brackets.
- Some Parties noted that there was material in section J that was suitable for decisions, in particular in relation to paragraph 176, Option 3 and paragraph 176.5.
- Some Parties noted that in streamlining some, seemingly straightforward, paragraphs conceptual differences were revealed that led to a better understanding of the text and other Parties' views.
- Some Parties also noted that there was scope for further streamlining in this section and that more time is needed to do so.

Consolidation of paragraph 176 Options 1 and 2:

176. [**Option 1**]: No ex ante consideration process / no arrangements for further facilitating transparency and clarity [/ no consultative process / period].]

Observation:

- Concern raised over the consistent use of brackets and slashes. Here, it was noted that brackets signaled streamlining.

Consolidation of paragraph 176 Option 3 Option (a) sub-paragraph a.:

176. [**Option 3 Option (a)** a. [Facilitate understanding of the level of ambition and [equity] [fairness] of the commitments / contributions [and the long-term temperature goal] in the context of [a Party's long-term low-emission development pathway] [shared vision resulting from the Bali Action Plan and equitable access to sustainable development];]

Observation:

- Again, Parties raised concerns over the use of brackets and slashes and sought further clarification on this point. Asked to clarify that brackets do not necessarily represent exclusive options.

Consolidation of paragraph 176 Option 3 Option (a) sub-paragraph b.:

176. [**Option 3 Option (a)** b. [Assess the adequacy and [equity] [fairness] [of the] [aggregated contributions] [overall effects] compared with science, [as part of the principle-based reference framework][, in accordance with the historical responsibilities, leadership and current capabilities of developed country Parties, and taking into account the special circumstances, barriers and priority of economic and social development and poverty eradication of developing country Parties];]

Consolidation of paragraph 176 Option 3 176.1 Options (a), (b), and (c):

176.1. [Parties' commitments / contributions / actions to be considered on the basis of [[a consultative process] [a principle-based reference framework to be established] to ensure clarity, transparency and understanding of the commitments / contributions [/actions]] [existing arrangements and processes under the Convention];]

Consolidation of paragraph 176 Option 3, 176.4 sub-paragraphs a. to f.:

176.4. [On the basis of the ex-ante consideration process / further facilitation of transparency and clarity / consultative period/process:

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

Option (a): Each Party to [consider the recommendations resulting from] [make a reflection on the outcome of] the process;

Option (b): Each Party to [revise][adjust] its commitment / contribution on a voluntary basis [upwards, through an adjustment procedure in accordance with decisions of the governing body];

Option (c): Parties will undertake top-down adjustments on the basis of a global carbon budget;
{previous option (e) unchanged}

Option (d): Each Party to consider adjustments on the basis of historical responsibilities and equitable sharing of global atmospheric resources and carbon space in the context of imperatives of poverty eradication, universal energy access and sustainable development for developing countries.
{previous option (f) unchanged}

Consolidation of paragraph 176 Option 3 176.5 sub-paragraph b.:

176.5 b. [Consultations among Parties, including through [workshops and round tables]][two sets of workshops/roundtables for developed and developing country Parties respectively];]

Consolidation of paragraph 176 Option 3 176.5 sub-paragraph c.:

176.5 c. [A joint Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) / SBSTA programme to prepare recommendations for the COP [composed of two task forces, for developed and developing country Parties respectively];]

Consolidation of paragraph 176 Option 3 176.5 sub-paragraph e.:

176.5. e. [Inputs to the process, including modalities for [the analysis, synthesis and/or compilation of the commitments / contributions]][two compilations of the commitments, by developed and developing country Parties respectively.]]

Observation:

- Some Parties noted that they considered the sub-paragraphs of 176.5 as being potential decision material.

Consolidation of paragraph 181, Options 1 and 5:

181. [**Option 1:** A Party [to be allowed to] [may] exceptionally adjust its [proposed / provisional] commitment / contribution, [in line with modalities developed by the governing body,] subject to certain conditions, including: if subsequent rules differ substantially from the Party's assumptions[, or force majeure] [, as specified in the information to be provided pursuant to the reference to the provision addressing accompanying information], [provided that there is no backsliding].]

The meeting also considered the following paragraphs but decided not to consolidate the text:

- Paragraphs 169 and 171
- Paragraph 176 Option 3 and paragraph 176.4 Options (e) and (f)
- Paragraph 176 Option 3 and paragraph 176.5 sub-paragraph a.
- Paragraph 178 Options 1 and 2
- Paragraph 180

Observations:

- With regard to paragraphs 169 and 171, it was noted that, although the text was similar, the paragraphs contained different concepts.
- With regard to paragraph 178 Options 1 and 2, Parties attempted to merge Options 1 and 2 but recognized that although the first part was the same the sub-paragraphs of Option 2 did not match Option 1.
- The meeting started to discuss paragraph 181 Options 2 and 3, but due to time constraints could not conclude its consideration.