

## J. TIMEFRAMES

Original Geneva Text	LMDC Proposal for Streamlining on First Reading (Without Prejudice to Position on Second Reading in Relation to Substance)
<p>168.</p> <p><b><i>Option 1 (chapeau):</i></b> Pursuant to Article 2 of the Convention, [all] Parties to periodically communicate or update their proposed commitments / contributions[, with developing country Parties doing so within the context of the basis of the provision of support. Such periodic communications shall take into account national circumstances and factors that affect the national determination of climate actions, such as public policy planning and execution cycles and domestic legislative requirements]:</p> <p><b><i>Option 2 (chapeau):</i></b> In accordance with the provisions of the Convention and in the light of its Article 4, Parties to periodically communicate or update their proposed commitments / contributions:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged para.168, chapeau, opt.1 and opt.2.</b></p> <p>168.</p> <p>[Pursuant to Article 2 of the Convention,] [in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and in the light of its Article 4,] [all] Parties to periodically communicate or update their proposed commitments / contributions[, with developing country Parties doing so within the context of the basis of the provision of support. Such periodic communications shall take into account national circumstances and factors that affect the national determination of climate actions, such as public policy planning and execution cycles and domestic legislative requirements]:</p>
<p>168.</p> <p><b>Option (a):</b> Every five years for all Parties;</p> <p><b>Option (b):</b> Commitments shall be inscribed every five years, beginning in 2015. All Parties shall communicate proposed commitments in the 12 to 18 months prior to their inscription.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged sub-option a, b, c, f, and k as new option a</b></p> <p>168.</p> <p><b>Option (a):</b> [Commitments shall be inscribed] Every five years, [[beginning in 2015], [for] all Parties [shall communicate] [proposed] [mitigation] commitments [/ contribution / action] [in the 12 to 18 months prior to their inscription]] [for the upcoming period and an indication for the following period only for</p>

<p>The commitments will cover a five-year period, ending 10 years after the inscription year. Parties may also propose an indicative commitment covering a further five-year period, which can be confirmed or enhanced five years later, when formally inscribed (2020);</p> <p><b>Option (c):</b> Every five years, indicating the commitment / contribution / action for the subsequent five-year period as well as an indicative commitment / contribution / action for the following five-year period;</p> <p><b>Option (f):</b> Every five years for the upcoming period and an indication for the following period only for mitigation: annual or biennial time frame for means of implementation in line with national budgets; different time frame for adaptation;</p> <p><b>Option (k):</b> The mitigation component of each contribution pursuant to section D shall include a five-year contribution term and a five-year consecutive indicative term;</p>	<p>mitigation: annual or biennial time frame for means of implementation in line with national budgets; different time frame for adaptation] [indicating the commitment / contribution / action for the subsequent five-year period as well as an indicative commitment / contribution / action for the following five-year period]. [The commitments will cover a five-year [period] [contribution term][, ending 10 years after the inscription year]]. [All Parties shall communicate proposed commitments in the 12 to 18 months prior to their inscription] [Parties may also propose an indicative [mitigation] commitment covering a [further] [subsequent] [following] five-year [period/consecutive indicative term], [which can be confirmed or enhanced five years later, when formally inscribed (2020)]]; [annual or biennial time frame for means of implementation in line with national budgets; different time frame for adaptation;] [The mitigation component of each contribution pursuant to section D shall include a five-year contribution term and a five-year consecutive indicative term]</p>
<p>168.</p> <p><b>Option (d):</b> Every five years for [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] only;</p> <p><b>Option (e):</b> Every five years for [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] and every 10 years for [developing country Parties][Parties not included in annex X];</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged opt(d) and (e) as new opt(d)</b></p> <p>168.</p> <p><b>Option (d):</b> Every five years for [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] [only] [and every 10 years for [developing country Parties][Parties not included in annex X]];</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged para.174, opt.1, opt (a) and op(b)</b></p>

<p>174.</p> <p><b><i>Option 1:</i></b> When communicating their contributions, Parties to provide up-front information, along with their proposed commitments / contributions / actions that:</p> <p><b><i>Option (a):</i></b> Facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding of those commitments / contributions / actions, on the basis of the relevant arrangements for reporting information resulting from the Bali Action Plan (as detailed in decision x/CP.x);</p> <p><b><i>Option (b):</i></b> Facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding of those commitments / contributions / actions (as detailed in decision x/CP.x) [, including a description of why it considers its commitment is an ambitious and fair contribution to reaching the below 2 °C objective in accordance with provisions agreed by the COP].</p>	<p>174. <b><i>Option 1:</i></b> When communicating their contributions, Parties to provide up-front information, along with their proposed commitments / contributions / actions that facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding of those commitments / contributions / actions[, on the basis of the relevant arrangements for reporting information resulting from the Bali Action Plan] (as detailed in decision x/CP.x) [, including a description of why it considers its commitment is an ambitious and fair contribution to reaching the below 2 °C objective in accordance with provisions agreed by the COP].</p>
<p>176.</p> <p><b><i>Option 3:</i></b> After their communication, commitments / contributions / actions will be subject to an ex ante consideration process / further facilitation of transparency and clarity / a consultative period/process in order to:</p> <p><b><i>Option (a):</i></b></p> <p>a. [Facilitate understanding of the level of ambition and fairness/ level of ambition of the commitments / contributions and the long-term temperature goal in the context of a Party’s long-term low-emission development pathway] [Facilitate understanding of the level of ambition and equity of the commitments / contributions in the context of shared vision resulting from the Bali Action Plan and equitable access to</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merging the contents in the two brackets in opt(a), sub-para(a). Merging the contents in the two brackets in opt(a), sub-para(b).</b></p> <p>176.</p> <p><b><i>Option 3:</i></b> After their communication, commitments / contributions / actions will be subject to an ex ante consideration process / further facilitation of transparency and clarity / a consultative period/process in order to:</p> <p><b><i>Option (a):</i></b></p> <p>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]];</p> <p>b. [Assess the [adequacy and equity/fairness of] the [aggregated</p>

<p>sustainable development];</p> <p>b. [Assess the adequacy and fairness of the aggregated contributions / the adequacy of the aggregated contributions / the aggregated contributions compared with science, as part of the principle-based reference framework] [Assess the adequacy and equity of the overall effects compared with science, 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];</p>	<p>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]];</p>
<p>176.1. Parties' commitments / contributions / actions to be considered on the basis of:</p> <p><b>Option (a):</b> A consultative process to ensure clarity, transparency and understanding of the commitments / contributions;</p> <p><b>Option (b):</b> A principle-based reference framework to be established to ensure clarity, transparency and understanding of the commitments / contributions / actions;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged opt(a) and (b) as new opt(a)</b></p> <p>176.1. Parties' commitments / contributions / actions to be considered on the basis of:</p> <p><b>Option (a):</b> A [consultative process] [principle-based reference framework to be established] to ensure clarity, transparency and understanding of the commitments / contributions [/actions];</p>
<p>176.5. The governing body shall develop and adopt modalities and procedures for the ex ante consideration process / further facilitation of transparency and clarity / consultative period/process by its [X] session:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merging the contents in the brackets in subpara(a), (b), (c) and (e).</b></p> <p>176.5. The governing body shall develop and adopt modalities and procedures for the ex ante consideration process / further facilitation of transparency and clarity / consultative period/process by its [X] session:</p>

- a. [A web platform where Parties and other actors are able to pose questions and Parties are encouraged to answer the questions that they receive] [Two web platforms, for developed and developing country Parties respectively, where Parties and other actors are able to pose questions. Developed country Parties shall answer the questions that they receive within X months after the questions are received. Developing country Parties are encouraged to participate in the web platforms and answer the questions that they receive subject to the financial, technological and capacity-building support by developed countries];
- b. [Consultations among Parties, including through workshops and round tables] [Consultations among Parties, including through two sets of workshops / round tables, for developed and developing country Parties respectively];
- c. [A joint Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) / SBSTA programme to prepare recommendations for the COP] [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];
- d. A technical body / panel / task force to be established that undertakes analytical work, examines the adequacy and fairness of commitments / contributions and prepares recommendations; and/or on mitigation and means of implementation;
- e. [Inputs to the process, including modalities for the analysis, synthesis and/or compilation of the commitments / contributions.] [Inputs to the process, including modalities for two compilations of the commitments, by developed and developing country Parties respectively.]

- a. [A/two web platform(s), [for developed and developing country Parties respectively,] where Parties and other actors are able to pose questions. [Developed country Parties shall answer the questions that they receive within X months after the questions are received.] [[Developing country] Parties are encouraged to participate in the web platforms and answer the questions that they receive [subject to the financial, technological and capacity-building support by developed countries]]];
- b. [Consultations among Parties, including through [two sets of] workshops and round tables[, for developed and developing country Parties respectively]] ;
- 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]]];
- d. A technical body / panel / task force to be established that undertakes analytical work, examines the adequacy and fairness of commitments / contributions and prepares recommendations; and/or on mitigation and means of implementation;
- e. [Inputs to the process, including modalities for the analysis, synthesis and/or [two] compilation(s) of the commitments / contributions[, by developed and developing country Parties respectively].]

<p>176.4. On the basis of the ex ante consideration process / further facilitation of transparency and clarity / consultative period/process:</p> <p><b>Option (a):</b> Each Party to consider the recommendations resulting from the process;</p> <p><b>Option (b):</b> Each Party to make a reflection on the outcome of the process;</p> <p><b>Option (c):</b> Each Party to revise its commitment / contribution on a voluntary basis;</p> <p><b>Option (d):</b> Each Party to adjust / revise on a voluntary basis its commitment / contribution upwards, through an adjustment procedure in accordance with decisions of the governing body;</p> <p><b>Option (e):</b> Parties will undertake top-down adjustments on the basis of a global carbon budget;</p> <p><b>Option (f):</b> 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged opt(a) and opt.(b) as new opt.(a). Merged opt(c), (d), (e) and (f) as new opt.(d).</b></p> <p>176.4. On the basis of the ex ante consideration process / further facilitation of transparency and clarity / consultative period/process:</p> <p><b>Option (a):</b> Each Party to [consider the recommendations] [make a reflection] on the [resulting] [outcome] from the process;</p> <p><b>Option (b):</b> Each Party to [adjust / revise on a voluntary basis] / [undertake top-down adjustments] / [consider adjustments] of its commitment / contribution [upwards], [through an adjustment procedure in accordance with decisions of the governing body] / [on the basis of a global carbon budget / 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];</p>
<p>181.</p> <p><b>Option 1:</b> A Party to be allowed to exceptionally adjust its commitment / contribution, [in line with modalities developed by the governing body,] subject to certain conditions, including: if subsequent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged opt.1 and opt.5 as new opt.1.</b></p> <p>181.</p> <p><b>Option 1:</b> 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</p>

<p>rules differ substantially from the Party’s assumptions, or force majeure, provided that there is no backsliding.</p> <p><b><u>Option 5:</u></b> A Party may exceptionally adjust its [proposed / provisional] commitment / contribution, if subsequent rules differ substantially from the Party's assumptions[, as specified in the information to be provided pursuant to the reference to the provision addressing accompanying information.]</p>	<p>conditions, including: if subsequent rules differ substantially from the Party’s assumptions [, or force majeure, provided that there is no backsliding] [, as specified in the information to be provided pursuant to the reference to the provision addressing accompanying information].</p>
<p>185.</p> <p><b><u>Option 1:</u></b> The governing body shall regularly conduct a strategic review of implementation / aggregate ambition assessment;</p> <p><b><u>Option 3:</u></b> The COP / governing body shall regularly conduct a review of implementation in accordance with the principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. The purposes, modalities, procedures and guidelines of the review will be further elaborated and adopted by the COP / governing body on the basis of Article 4, paragraphs 2(d), Article 7, paragraph 2(e), and Article 10, paragraph 2(a), of the Convention and drawing upon the lessons learned from previous review processes and ambition mechanisms under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, in order to ensure the effectiveness of the review.]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged opt.1 and opt.3 as new opt.1</b></p> <p>185.</p> <p><b><u>Option 1:</u></b> The COP/governing body shall regularly conduct a [strategic] review of implementation[ / aggregate ambition assessment] [in accordance with the principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. The purposes, modalities, procedures and guidelines of the review will be further elaborated and adopted by the COP / governing body on the basis of Article 4, paragraphs 2(d), Article 7, paragraph 2(e), and Article 10, paragraph 2(a), of the Convention and drawing upon the lessons learned from previous review processes and ambition mechanisms under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, in order to ensure the effectiveness of the review];</p>
<p>186.[The purpose of the review / assessment /mechanism is to:</p> <p><b><u>Option 1:</u></b> Review the effect / ambition and the implementation of the individual commitments / contributions / actions of Parties as well as</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged opt.1 and opt.2 as new opt.1</b></p> <p>186.[The purpose of the review / assessment /mechanism is to:</p> <p><b><u>Option 1:</u></b> Review the [effect / ambition and] the implementation of the [individual] commitments [/ contributions / actions] of [developed and</p>

<p>the aggregate effect / ambition of all Parties' commitments, in order to assess progress towards operationalizing the ultimate objective of the Convention, as set out in its Article 2, pursuant to paragraph 5 above;</p> <p><b><u>Option 2:</u></b> Review the implementation of the commitments of developed and developing country Parties respectively as well as the overall effects of the measures taken pursuant to the Convention in order to assess progress towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2 and the shared vision resulting from the Bali Action Plan;</p>	<p>developing country] Parties [respectively] as well as the [aggregate effect / ambition of all Parties' commitments] [the overall effects of the measures taken pursuant to the Convention], in order to assess progress towards [operationalizing] [achieving] the [ultimate] objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2 [and the shared vision resulting from the Bali Action Plan] [, pursuant to paragraph 5 above];</p>
<p>188.[The review / assessment / mechanism shall be:</p> <p><b><u>Option 1:</u></b> Applicable to [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X];</p> <p><b><u>Option 2:</u></b> Applicable to all Parties;</p> <p><b><u>Option 3:</u></b> Applicable to all Parties, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implementation and ambition of emission reduction commitments of [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] ;</li> <li>b. Adequacy and progress of finance, technology and capacity-building support from [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] to [developing country Parties][Parties not included in annex X];</li> <li>c. Implementation and further enhanced mitigation and/or adaptation action by [developing country Parties]. [Parties not included in annex X].]</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merged opt.2 and opt.3 as new opt.2 (deleting original opt.2 and bracket the language from as follows to the end of opt.3).</b></p> <p>188.[The review / assessment / mechanism shall be:</p> <p><b><u>Option 1:</u></b> Applicable to [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X];</p> <p><b><u>Option 2:</u></b> Applicable to all Parties[, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implementation and ambition of emission reduction commitments of [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] ;</li> <li>b. Adequacy and progress of finance, technology and capacity-building support from [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] to [developing country Parties][Parties not included in annex X];</li> <li>c. Implementation and further enhanced mitigation and/or adaptation action by [developing country Parties]. [Parties not included in annex X].]</li> </ol>



### Merged opt.1 and opt.2

190.[The review / assessment / mechanism to be consistent with science, on the basis of equity and sustainable development, and informed by:

#### Option 1:

- a. Each country's progress towards the achievement of its commitments / contributions, aggregated global emission trends and the aggregate progress towards attaining the global goals established under this agreement;
- b. Assessments undertaken pursuant to other provisions of this agreement of the adequacy and progress related to adaptation and finance, technology and capacity-building support;
- c. A process to facilitate the clarity, transparency and understanding of Parties' commitments / contributions, whereby the ambition and fairness of Parties' mitigation commitments can be considered in the light of the long-term temperature limit;
- d. The assessment reports of the IPCC;
- e. Information reported by Parties on the implementation of their commitments / contributions, as set out in section I below (*Transparency of action and support*);
- f. Information communicated by Parties on their future commitments / contributions, as set out in this section;
- g. A process of technical examination of mitigation potential, opportunities, co-benefits of mitigation action and policy options for enhancing mitigation ambition;
- h. Inputs from non-state actors, relevant international organizations and international cooperative initiatives.

190.[The review / assessment / mechanism to be consistent with science, on the basis of equity and sustainable development, and informed by:

- a. Each country's progress towards the achievement of its commitments / contributions, [aggregated global emission trends and the aggregate progress towards attaining the global goals established under this agreement] [including information from the national communications, biennial reports, inventories and national inventory reports of [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X], as well as from the review reports and the IAR process; and information from the national communications and BURs, as well as from the ICA process];
- b. Assessments undertaken pursuant to other provisions of this agreement of the adequacy and progress related to adaptation and finance, technology and capacity-building support [by [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X]];
- c. [A process][arrangements] to facilitate the clarity, transparency and understanding of [Parties'] commitments / contributions [, whereby the ambition and fairness of Parties' mitigation commitments can be considered in the light of the long-term temperature limit];
- d. The assessment reports of the IPCC;
- [e. Information reported by Parties on the implementation of their commitments / contributions, as set out in section I below (*Transparency of action and support*)];
- [e'. Assessment against an equity reference framework by a technical panel of experts];

**Option 2:**

- a. Each country's progress towards the achievement of its commitments / contributions, including information from the national communications, biennial reports, inventories and national inventory reports of [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] , as well as from the review reports and the IAR process; and information from the national communications and BURs, as well as from the ICA process;
- b. Assessments undertaken pursuant to other provisions of this agreement of the adequacy and progress related to adaptation and finance, technology and capacity-building support by from [developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X];
- c. Arrangements to facilitate the clarity, transparency and understanding of the commitments / contributions;
- d. The assessment reports of the IPCC;
- e. Assessment against an equity reference framework by a technical panel of experts;
- f. The report on the 2013–2015 review and subsequent reviews;
- g. Reports of all of the existing subsidiary bodies under the Convention and new institutional arrangements established by this agreement;
- h. A process of technical examination of mitigation potential, opportunities and policy options to enhance the level of ambition.]

- [f. Information communicated by Parties on their future commitments / contributions, as set out in this section; ]
- [f'. The report on the 2013–2015 review and subsequent reviews];
- g. A process of technical examination of mitigation potential, opportunities, [co-benefits of mitigation action] and policy options for enhancing [mitigation][the level of] ambition;
- [g'. Reports of all of the existing subsidiary bodies under the Convention and new institutional arrangements established by this agreement];
- [h. Inputs from non-state actors, relevant international organizations and international cooperative initiatives].

**Merged sub-option(a) and (b).  
And merged sub-para(a) and (b) under sub-option(b).**

191.[On the basis of the review / assessment / mechanism:

**Option (a):**

- a. Adjusting existing commitments / contributions / actions upward or communicating more ambitious mitigation commitments / contributions related to climate change;
- b. Addressing barriers to and constraints on implementation related to the provision of finance, technology and capacity-building support.

**Option (b):**

- a. [Developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] adjusting their existing commitments / contributions upward or communicating more ambitious mitigation commitments / contributions;
- b. [Developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] adjusting their existing commitments / contributions upward or communicating more ambitious finance, technology and capacity-building commitments / contributions / policies / measures;
- c. Addressing barriers and constraints of [developing country Parties][Parties not included in annex X] to implementation related to the provision of finance, technology and capacity-building support, and considering further action on implementation by [developing country Parties][Parties included in annex X].]

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191.[On the basis of the review / assessment / mechanism:

- a. [Developed country Parties][Parties included in annex X] adjusting their existing commitments / contributions upward or communicating more ambitious [mitigation commitments / contributions related to climate change] [finance, technology and capacity-building commitments / contributions / policies / measures];
- b. Addressing barriers [to] and constraints [of] [developing country Parties][Parties not included in annex X] [to] [on] implementation related to the provision of finance, technology and capacity-building support [, and considering further action on implementation by [developing country Parties][Parties included in annex X]].]

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**Merged opt.1 and opt.2.**

**[Option 1]:** The [COP/]governing body shall develop and adopt modalities for the review / assessment / mechanism by 2018, drawing on lessons learned from previous review processes under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol in order to ensure the effectiveness of the review / assessment / mechanism;

**Option 2:** The modalities and organization of the work on the strategic review to be developed and adopted [by the COP / governing body] on the basis of and drawing upon lessons learned from previous review processes under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including inter alia:

- a. The review referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention;
- b. The ambition mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol;
- c. IAR and ICA;
- d. The clarification of the quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments of [Annex I Parties] [Parties included in annex X] and the process of understanding the diversity of NAMAs by [non-Annex I Parties][Parties not included in annex X];
- e. The 2013–2015 review;
- f. The multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding the implementation of the Convention, as set out in its Article 13:

**Option (a):** Utilizing the existing IAR and ICA processes after further amending their mandates and guidance;

**Option (b):** Utilizing the existing 2013–2015 review after further improving the modalities and organization of the work.]

The modalities [and organization of the work] [on] [for] the [strategic] review [/ assessment / mechanism] to be developed and adopted [by the COP / governing body] [by 2018,] [on the basis of and] drawing upon lessons learned from previous review processes under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol[, in order to ensure the effectiveness of the review / assessment / mechanism] [, including inter alia: ]

- a. The review referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention;
- b. The ambition mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol;
- c. IAR and ICA;
- d. The clarification of the quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments of [Annex I Parties] [Parties included in annex X] and the process of understanding the diversity of NAMAs by [non-Annex I Parties][Parties not included in annex X];
- e. The 2013–2015 review;
- f. The multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding the implementation of the Convention, as set out in its Article 13:

**Option (a):** Utilizing the existing IAR and ICA processes after further amending their mandates and guidance;

**Option (b):** Utilizing the existing 2013–2015 review after further improving the modalities and organization of the work.]]