

**STATEMENT OF THE AFRICAN GROUP  
GST INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS  
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**Adequacy of List of Information and Sources of Input For the Global Stocktake**

1. Ghana speaking on behalf of the African Group
2. We wish you the co-Facilitators the best. We have good confidence in your stewardship and expect that you would manage us to as good an outcome as we can get.
3. We also associate ourselves with the statement by the G77&China
4. Generally, we find the list of Sources of Input and Information adequate. We recall that for the most part paragraphs 36 and 37 of Decision 19/CMA.1 were framed in a general way so as not to exclude inputs that would be relevant.
5. But in the interest of comprehensiveness, inclusivity, to get a good overview of climate finance and to ensure balance in the inputs that are assessed, at this point, there a couple of reports we believe should be added to complement the list of sources:
  - a. Firstly, the Article 9.5 summary report of Art 9.5 submissions which will be prepared by the Secretariat should be included. This is because the contents of the SCF's Biennial Assessment Reports while covering financial flows will not cover information from the Art 9.5 summary reports. The Art 9.5 summary report will cover the indicative quantitative and qualitative information provided by developed countries on the financial support that they are required to provide. If there is an explicit reference to Article 9.4 in paragraph 36(d) of Dec 19/CMA.1, in the interest of comprehensiveness, inclusivity, and to get a good overview of climate finance, we also ought to include the reference to Article 9.5, to correct the erroneous interpretation that para 36(d) is limited to Article 9.4.
  - b. Secondly, the Needs Report which the SCF was mandated (by Decision 4/CP.24) to prepare every four years and make available for consideration by the COP and the CMP, beginning at COP 26 should also be added to complement the list of sources. We submit that if there is reference to the Biennial Assessment Report that provides details on the financial flows to developing countries in para 36(d), then we also ought to include the Needs Report that provides information on the needs of developing countries related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement; that balance is important.

Thank you, Co-Facilitators!