

Common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement

Informal note by the co-facilitators

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At this May-June 2021 session, Parties made progress in their deliberations on common time frames. They underscored the importance of concluding this item at COP 26 and exchanged views on many aspects pertaining to common time frames, including within the scope of the following questions:

1. For NDCs communicated by 2025, which time frame should Parties apply? Of the various options put forward, which option or combination of options would work best for all Parties?

2. How strong should the call be (e.g. shall, invite, encourage)?

3. For NDCs communicated in 2030, 2035, 2040, etc., what guidance should the decision on common time frames provide? Specifically, for Parties supporting the option of a 10-year time frame (whether 10 years, 5 years plus 5 years, or 5 or 10 years), what will Parties communicate in 2030?

4. Should there be a call for Parties to review and update existing NDCs every five years?

This informal note contains elements for Parties' further consideration, along with an annex that compiles Parties' proposals on this matter to date.

Elements for further consideration

1. Without prejudice to the nationally determined nature of NDCs, [requests Parties to][invites Parties to][Parties shall] communicate by 2025 their new NDCs with a time frame up to:

(a) **{Five years}** [Option 1: 2035, communicate by 2030 their new NDCs with a time frame up to 2040, and so forth every five years thereafter.];

(b) **{10 years}** [Option 2: 2040, communicate by 2035 their new NDCs with a time frame up to 2050, and so forth every ten years thereafter. [Also requests][Also invites] Parties to communicate or update by 2030 their NDCs with a time frame up to 2040, communicate or update by 2040 their NDCs with a time frame up to 2050, and so forth every ten years thereafter. [In so doing, Parties are urged to [increase the ambition of][consider increasing the ambition of] their NDCs.]]

(i) Option 2.1: {no additional text}

(ii) Option 2.2: [Further requests Parties to][Further invites Parties to][Parties shall further] communicate in 2025 an [indicative waypoint][target] for 2035, communicate in 2035 an [indicative waypoint][target] for 2045, and so forth every ten years thereafter.]

(c) **{Five years + five years}** Option 3: 2035 and 2040. Specifically, Parties [are requested to][are invited to][shall] communicate two successive NDCs with time frames up to 2035 and 2040, respectively. [Parties are requested to][Parties are invited to][Parties shall] communicate by 2035 new NDCs with a time frame up to 2045, communicate by 2040 new NDCs with a time frame up to 2050, and so forth every five years thereafter.]

- (d) **{5 or 10 years}** [Option 4: 2035 or 2040.
- (i) [Also requests][Also invites] those Parties whose NDCs contain a time frame up to 2035 to communicate by 2030 new NDCs with a time frame up to 2040, communicate by 2035 new NDCs with a time frame up to 2045, and so forth every five years thereafter;
 - (ii) [Also requests][Also invites] those Parties whose NDCs contain a time frame up to 2040 to communicate by 2035 new NDCs with a time frames up to 2050, communicate by 2045 new NDCs with a time frame up to 2060, and so forth every ten years thereafter. [Further requests][Further invites] those Parties whose NDCs contain a time frame up to 2040 to communicate or update by 2030 their NDCs with a time frame up to 2040, communicate or update by 2040 their NDCs with a time frame up to 2050, and so forth every ten years thereafter. [In doing so, Parties are urged to [increase the ambition of][consider increasing the ambition of] their NDCs.]]

Annex. Compilation of Party's proposals

Option 1

- (5 years): Decides that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement for nationally determined contributions communicated in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, shall be five years.
- (10 years): Decides that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement for nationally determined contributions communicated in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, shall be ten years.
- (5 and 10 years): Decides that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement for nationally determined contributions communicated in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, shall be five or ten years.

Option 2

References to paragraphs are in APA-SBSTA-SBI.2018. Informal.2.Add.1(part 2)

Option 1 (5 years): Decides that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement for nationally determined contributions communicated in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, shall be five years between the end points of two successive NDCs.

4. alt and 7 alt, merged: Further decides that Parties should communicate two successive nationally determined contributions, starting in 2025, with starting points of 1 January 2031 and 1 January 2036 respectively;

3. alt Urges Parties to communicate and update their nationally determined contributions in 2025 and every five years thereafter, consistent with progression;

Option 3

Draft Decision -/CMA.X

Common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, Paragraph 10 of the Paris Agreement

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, Recalling the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, in particular its Article 4, paragraphs 9 and 10,

Also recalling the relevant paragraphs of decision 1/CP.21, in particular its paragraphs 22- 25,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made in the consideration of common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10 of the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “common time frames”) by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement at its first session;

2. *Decides* that Parties shall apply common time frames to their nationally determined contributions to be implemented from 2031 onwards;

3. *Invites* each Party to communicate by 2025 a nationally determined contribution with a time frame up to 2035 or 2040;

4. *Requests:*

(a) those Parties whose nationally determined contributions contain a time frame up to 2035 to communicate by 2030 their respective new nationally determined contributions with a time frame up to 2040; and

(b) those Parties whose nationally determined contributions contain a time frame up to 2040 to communicate or update by 2030 these nationally determined contributions;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its [X] session, to consider common time frames for nationally determined contributions to be implemented from 2041 onwards, with a view to making a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its [Y] session (*month year*);

Option 4

Draft Decision -/CMA.X

Common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, Paragraph 10 of the Paris Agreement

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, Recalling the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, in particular its Article 4, paragraphs 9 and 10,

Also recalling the relevant paragraphs of decision 1/CP.21, in particular its paragraphs 22- 25,

Decides that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement for nationally determined contributions communicated in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, shall be [5][10][5 and 10] years.

Further decides that Parties whose nationally determined contributions contain a 10-year time frame shall include an indicative waypoint at the 5-year mark;

Further decides that Parties shall apply common time frames to their nationally determined contributions to be implemented from 2031 onwards;

Requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its [50th][51st] session, to continue its consideration of the common time frames for nationally determined contributions with a view to making a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its [3rd][4th] session (*month year*);

Option 5

(5 plus 5 years): *Decides* that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris agreement for nationally determined contributions communicated in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, shall be five plus five years. Parties shall communicate an NDC for an initial five-year period, plus an additional NDC for the subsequent five-year period.

Option 6

1. *Reiterates* the request:

(a) to those Parties whose intended nationally determined contribution pursuant to decision 1/CP.20 contains a time frame up to 2025 to communicate by 2020 a new nationally determined contribution and to do so every five years thereafter pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement;

(b) to those Parties whose intended nationally determined contribution pursuant to decision 1/CP.20 contains a time frame up to 2030 to communicate or update by 2020 the contribution and to do so every five years thereafter pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement;

2. Option A. Invites each Party to communicate by 2025 a nationally determined contribution with a time frame up to 2030, 2035 or 2040.

Option B. Invites each Party to communicate by 2025 a nationally determined contribution with a time frame up to [X], unless the Party concerned decides otherwise on timeframes.

Option C: Invites each Party to communicate by 2025 a new nationally determined contribution.

Option 7

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, in particular its Articles 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11, and 6/CMA.1

1. *Decides* that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement for the mitigation component of nationally determined contributions communicated in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, shall be [X] years.
2. *Also decides* that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement for the adaptation component of nationally determined contributions communicated in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, if applicable, shall be [X][Y] years. *{the same or different time frame(s) with/from the mitigation component}*
3. *Further decides* that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement for the provision of finance, technology development and transfer and capacity building support component of nationally determined contributions communicated in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, if applicable, shall be [X][Y][Z] years. *{the same or different time frame(s) with/from the mitigation and/or adaptation component}*
4. *Urges* developed country Parties to communicate the support component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in paragraph 3 above, with a time frame consistent with the nationally determined contributions by developing country Parties, with a view to promoting the coherence between support and actions.
5. *Encourages* developing country Parties to maintain the consistency of the time frames for their mitigation and adaptation components, referred to paragraphs 1 and 2 respectively, as much as possible when communicating their nationally determined contributions, with a view to facilitating a balanced allocation of the support between mitigation and adaptation.

Option 8

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, in particular its Articles 2, 3, 4.4, 4.5, 7.13, 9.1, 10.6 and 11.3, and 6/CMA.1

1. *Decides* that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris agreement for nationally determined contributions communicated by developed country Parties in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, shall be 5 years.
2. *Requests* each developed country Party to communicate by 2025 a nationally determined contribution with a time frame up to 2035.
3. *Also decides* that common time frames referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris agreement for nationally determined contributions communicated by developing country Parties in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, shall be 5 or 10 years, to be nationally determined by that developing country Party concerned.
4. *Recommends* developing country Parties to communicate by 2025 a nationally determined contribution with a time frame up to 2030, 2035 or 2040.