

Informal Consultation on SBSTA Agenda Item 9
Sources of input for the Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement
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Intervention by India on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC)

Thank you Co-facilitators, I must express my appreciation to you both for facilitating this meeting with the group at this late hour ...

India wishes to align itself with the statement made by my respected Colleague from the G-77 & China

[India speaks on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC)]

1. **Article 14** under the Paris Agreement, is a subject matter, which expressly regards Equity, not only as a matter of principle but as part of the technical work under this process. Substantiated by the need to conduct a collective assessment of whether the Parties are doing their bit to save the one planet we have inherited.
2. Co-facilitators, Equity, is the foremost, among the issues flagged for consideration by the Parties, your esteemed selves, the SBs Chairs and the Secretariat! I do not need to, and yet I must reiterate, Equity stands at the core of the entire climate debate. Therefore, India wishes to begin these discussions by reinstating its importance in the Global Stocktake.
3. We are starting our work on GST, it is extremely important that Equity is operationalized in the full **scope** of the elements covered by GST, and they together, help Parties move towards ambition in our climate actions and support through the implementation of the PA in letter and spirit.
4. We understand that the Agenda Item pertains to the “Sources of Inputs” for the GST, covered under Paragraphs 36-37 of Decision 19/CMA.1. This Agenda Item emanates from Paragraph 38 of the decision text, which gives the **limited mandate** to SBSTA to consider adding / complementing the non-exhaustive lists in Paragraphs 36 and 37. Therefore, we would urge that the discussions center around that.
5. We therefore feel that the “*Preparing For The First Global Stocktake, Non-Paper By The Chairs Of The SBSTA and SBI (Ver.27/05/2021)*” does not conform to the scope of work, not to the structure of this June Session, 2021. We find many

issues being dealt prematurely within the Non Paper and do not see the merit in engaging on those at this time.

6. On the Agenda Item, we wish to state that the GST process will assess the overall progress on implementation of the PA, in particular the progress in means of implementation and support provided to the Developing Country Parties, via the relevant information provided by the mechanisms on mitigation, adaptation, and means of implementation and support in terms of finance, technology transfer, and capacity building. We wish to see Equity operationalized in the information needs under Para 37, the paragraphs on technical assessment, and in the Output – throughout linking Equity with action and support received and provided.

7. In terms of complementary Sources of Inputs to be incorporated in Paras 36 and 37, the following is recommended –

- i. **Finance** is a crucial information need for GST. Global financial flows is included as part of the scope and the workstreams in the current text, and a source of input for means of implementation and support. We recommend that it should *inter alia* either be made generic or public funding as provided under A. 9.5 should be included. To this effect, we also feel that the **complete Article 9** should be added as a source of input for the GST.
- ii. With regard to Finance, we see specific information be provided as follows –
 - a) New and additional sources of funding as envisaged under Articles 9.3 and 9.5 should be included over and above what has already been pledged / committed
 - b) Public funding as provided under A. 9.5 under the PA should be added.
 - c) The biennial reporting as mandated under A. 9.5 should feed as a source of input to the first GST in 2023, and every subsequent GST thereafter. If two biennial reporting cycles occur between the subsequent GSTs (if GST occurs every five years) then an aggregate of the reports should be taken and they should feed as an input for the GST.
 - d) An assessment on the finance flows post-2020 should be done before the first GST in 2023, and well within the deadline on call for inputs, and this Report should feed into the GST.
- iii. Para 37 (a) of the decision text *includes reports and communications from Parties, particularly under the Convention*. We interpret this to include the Pre-

2020 actions. The **outcome of the Second Periodic Review** must feed as an input to the 2023 GST.

- iv. We feel that keeping in view the discussion on CBDR-RC and Equity, the developed country parties must show alacrity for achieving what was already committed and to enhancing commitments. As is now known that the Pre-2020 commitments at the aggregate level will not be met (in terms of mitigation as well as support provided). This shortfall will persist in 2023 in time of the first GST. Therefore, **Reports submitted by Parties in relation to their actions for the Pre-2020 period undertaken pursuant to decision 1/CP.16** must also form an important part of the sources of inputs. This is important towards historical responsibility in terms of collective assessment of cumulative past emissions of Developed Country Parties.

Co-facilitators, we are in your good hands to address our concerns.
