

Statement regarding preparations for the first global stocktake

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The United States appreciates the detailed non-paper circulated to Parties prepared by the Chairs of the SBSTA and SBI. It provides helpful information for the organizers of the Global Stocktake (GST) including the yet-to-be chosen Technical Dialogue cofacilitators. This process is crucial for enhancing the collective ambition of action and support towards achieving the purpose and long-term goals of the Paris Agreement. It will inform Parties in updating and enhancing their actions and support as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action.

There are many moving parts to the GST, and this is the first time the process is taking place. Therefore it is particularly helpful to bring so many of the considerations together in one document. In particular the notional timeline is valuable and underscores the robust process we are embarking upon together. While we outline several comments below on the points and suggestions put forward in the paper and recognize it is not a negotiated document, we see it as a good basis for Parties and the organizers of the GST to use going forward.

As it is to be considered a living document and is not prescriptive, we will just mention a few key points:

- We welcome the suggestion for the Secretariat to create an online portal organized by theme, noting that non-party stakeholder (NPS) inputs can also be organized in such a manner on the portal, especially in light of recent discussions. Perhaps there can be space allotted for more than just written submissions, e.g. space for datasets, videos, presentations, infographics, artwork, and other online tools.
- We want to clarify that in 19/CMA.1 the relevant Constituted Bodies (CBs) and forums are invited to prepare synthesis reports *on their area of expertise*. The CBs should prepare their inputs on the basis of their own work, as outlined in the paper. They are not invited to consider reports or content prepared by other contributors to GST and/or national reports submitted by Parties as suggested on page three of the non-paper. Instead the party-driven GST process will be the opportunity to do such an analysis. Moreover, on the suggestion that the constituted bodies coordinate on their inputs, we have practical and substantive concerns with such an approach. Each body should provide their unique perspective, even when discussing similar topics. Again here, the GST is a Party-driven process that will be enriched by the diversity of views across inputs, and the inputs from the CBs should not be an exception to this.
- We also remark on the idea put forward on page nine that other scientific processes in other international bodies align with the GST. The GST will examine and discuss all of the latest information that is available in a recurring dialogue every five years. On the guiding questions, we agree that there should be more forward looking questions about how to catalyze ambition and achieve the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement. We note that at least the information collection and technical dialogue questions should very closely mirror each other.

- We echo others' point that question 17 on financial flows is part of the 2.1(c) thematic area and should be moved to that section. In fact, we do not see the need for a separate cross-cutting section of questions. Instead questions should be integrated into the others. That may involve repeating questions if need be.
- On technical support for Parties' participation as mentioned on page nine, we see this taking the form of a facilitative webinar or webinars, including as described in 19/CMA.1 para 21 by the secretariat under the guidance of the co-facilitators and does not require further attention from Parties.

Co-facilitators, thank you so very much for opening this conversation. We look forward to the process we are to undertake together on this important issue to support increased global ambition across all of the goals of the Paris Agreement.