

VIEWS OF BRAZIL ON APA AGENDA ITEM 3

Further guidance in relation to article 4 of the Paris Agreement on:

- (a) features of nationally determined contributions
- (b) information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of nationally determined contributions

The Government of Brazil welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on further guidance in relation to article 4 of the Paris Agreement, on (a) features of nationally determined contributions and (b) information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of nationally determined contributions, in response to APA invitation at the first part of its first session.

2. It should be noted that "further guidance" under this agenda item should not undermine the nationally determined character of the contributions. "Further guidance" relates to operational aspects of *how* Parties to the Paris Agreement will *communicate* their NDCs, not on the NDCs themselves. In order to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding, it is the view of Brazil that guidance under this agenda item should be developed in a flexible manner to accommodate the diversity of NDCs, along with agreed parameters that:

- i. Inform Parties in their national preparation processes;
- ii. Promote clear and transparent information about each Party's efforts and progress;
- iii. Facilitate the compilation, synthesis and analysis of the information provided by Parties, with a view to serve as an input to other elements of the Paris Agreement, particularly the Transparency Framework and the Global Stock Take.

3. It is the view of Brazil that the Paris Agreement has already defined the features of the NDCs in Article 4, particularly paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10. The mandate under this agenda item is not to develop new features or to "bring back" elements that were not agreed upon in Paris, as this would be equivalent to reopening article 4. The guidance on features relates to the information Parties shall provide on these features when communicating their successive NDCs¹, with a view to facilitating clarity, transparency and understanding. In other words, it related to information on how the different paragraphs in Article 4 were reflected in the preparation of their mitigation efforts.

4. Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 27, provides several elements that have been used to guide Parties in the preparation of their intended NDCs prior to the adoption of the Paris Agreement with a view to facilitating clarity, transparency and understanding. While some of these elements overlap with or have been superseded by features agreed in Article 4, it is the view of Brazil that they provide a starting point to the guidance to be developed under this agenda item.

¹ By analogy with paragraph 32 of decision 1/CP.21, the guidance developed under this agenda item should apply to the second and subsequent nationally determined contributions, while Parties may elect to apply such guidance to their first nationally determined contribution.

5. Further to the information on features and on these elements, Brazil is of the view that it is necessary to identify specific information in accordance with the different types of NDCs. Brazil favors, therefore, a general approach covering both features and elements of decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 27, complemented by tailored information in accordance with different types of NDCs, in order to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding. This would address both the diversity of NDCs and differentiation among Parties, as reflected in Article 4.

6. The attached table attempts to illustrate this approach. *It is not meant as a common format* for communication of NDCs, but only as a reference for discussions. It should be noted that the general features and/or elements have already been agreed to a great extent, either as part of Article 4 and/or in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CP.21. The guidance relates only to the information to be provided pursuant to these features and/or elements. The specific information related to the type of NDC, however, may need further development.

Related article(s)	Feature and/or element from 1/CP.21 §27	Guidance on information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding
4.2 and 4.8	Type of NDC	Type of NDC
4.2 and 4.8	Objective(s)	Quantifiable information on the objective(s) or target(s) of the NDC
4.2 and 4.8	Reference point(s)	Quantifiable information on the reference point(s) of the NDC (including, as appropriate, a base year)
4.8 and 4.10	Time frames and/or periods for implementation	<i>(common timeframes to be decided by the CMA, as per article 4.10)</i>
4.8	Scope and coverage	Sectors and gases included in the NDC
4.1 and 4.8	Contribution to the objective of the Convention	How the Party considers that its efforts contribute towards achieving the long-term temperature goal as set out in Article 2?
4.3	Progression	How the Party considers that its nationally determined contribution represents a progression beyond current efforts
4.3	Highest possible ambition, reflecting CBDR-RC and national circumstances	How the Party considers that its nationally determined contribution reflects its highest possible ambition, reflecting its common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances
4.3 and 4.8	Fairness and Ambition	<i>("how the Party considers that its nationally determined contribution is fair and ambitious" has been superceded by Article 4.3 and is covered in the previous two items – progression and highest possible ambition)</i>
4.9	Informed by the GST	How the Party has considered the outcomes of the global stocktake in the preparation of its NDC
4.4	Type of NDC (for developed countries)	How the Party considers its economy-wide absolute emission reduction target reflects that the Party continues to take the lead
4.4	Type of NDC (for developing countries)	How the Party envisions to move over time towards economy-wide emission reduction or limitation targets
4.6	Type of NDC (for LDCs and SIDs)	How the special circumstances are reflected in the Party's NDC or strategies, plans and actions for low greenhouse gas emissions development
4.5	Support (for developed countries)	<i>(information to be provided separately pursuant to articles 9, 10 and 11)</i>
4.5	Support (for developing countries)	Clarification on the relationship between enhanced support and level of ambition in their actions
4.2 and 4.8	Planning processes	Brief description of domestic mitigation measures pursued with the aim of achieving the objectives of the NDC
4.7	Co-benefits	Whether (and how) adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans contribute to mitigation outcomes of the NDC
4.8 and 4.13	Assumptions and methodological approaches	<i>(information on "assumptions and methodological approaches" is covered in the guidance pursuant to Article 4.13, agenda item 3.c)</i>

Specific information related to the type of NDC

Type of NDC

Guidance on information to facilitate CTU

Economy-wide absolute emission limitation or reduction target

Quantifiable information on reference point, target and, as appropriate, a trajectory (whether a multi-year or single year target)
(...)

Projections and "Business as Usual" scenarios

Assumptions and premises of the projections and/or scenarios
Quantified estimate of the projection and/or scenarios
(...)

Intensity targets

Metrics utilized to define "intensity"
Current and projected levels for each metric, including assumptions for the projections
(...)

Sectorial actions

Type of action and progress indicators
Participation of the sector in total emissions
(...)

(...)

(...)