

SUBMISSION BY ROMANIA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES

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Supplement to the EU submission on views on the tables and outlines referred to in paragraph 12 of decision 18/CMA.1 "Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement"

Introduction

The European Union (EU) and its Member States submitted on 1 April 2019 their views on the tables and outlines referred to in paragraph 12 of decision 18/CMA.1 "Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement".

In its submission, the EU shared its views on all types of tables and outlines addressed in paragraph 12 of decision 18/CMA.1 and addressed both transparency of action (including mitigation and adaptation) and transparency of support. The EU stated that it has started to work on the common reporting tables (CRT), common tabular formats (CTF) and on the outlines of the biennial transparency report (BTR) and of the technical expert review report (TERR).

Following this submission, a number of other Parties have submitted their views to the UNFCCC secretariat. As of 24 May 2019, a total of eight submissions are available at the UNFCCC website. These submissions contribute to gaining a clearer picture of the tasks ahead. The EU finds the views expressed in the submission to be constructive, in line with the modalities, procedures and guidance agreed in decision 18/CMA.1, and similar in the thinking on the starting points for the work. In light of the views shared by other Parties, and as the EU has continued its work on the tables and outlines mentioned above, the EU is pleased to provide some additional views.

These views supplement the above-mentioned submission, by providing draft versions of the outlines for the biennial transparency report (BTR) and the technical expert review report (TERR) as well as draft common tabular format (CTF) tables for tracking of progress in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions (NDCs). The submitted draft outlines and tables should be considered as starting points for discussions under the agenda item 10 at SBSTA 50.

Additional views on the BTR outline

Of the submissions presently available, all address the BTR outline and four of them provide suggested drafts for this outline. Those that do not provide a draft outline point out that it should be based on the headings of the MPGs.

The EU shares these views and provides, in the annex to the present document, a draft outline which closely follows the headings of the MPGs. The level of disaggregation, as well as annotations to be provided to add clarity on the contents, including on how narrative text and tables ensure

together complete reporting in accordance with the specific requirement in the MPGs, need to be agreed during negotiations under SBSTA agenda item 10(d).

With regard to the section on climate change impact and adaptation, the EU looks forward to discussing with other Parties how the various options regarding contents and vehicles for reporting are best addressed in the draft BTR outline.

Additional views on the TERR outline

Of the submissions presently available, all address the TERR outline and four of them provide suggested drafts for this outline. Those submissions that do not include a draft outline point out that that current review report outlines should be taken into account.

The EU provides, in the annex to the present document, a draft TERR outline which is structured according to the information to be reviewed (as defined in Paragraph 146 of the MPGs). The suggested TERR outline focuses on the areas subject to review, as the EU believes that the TERR outline should be flexible to allow for improvement based on experience gained in the reviews. Other considerations relating to the contents, such as clarity and relevance, are addressed in more detail in EU's submission of 1 April 2019.

Additional views on tracking of progress with the implementation and achievement of the NDC – CTF tables

All submissions presently available address the common tabular formats for tracking of progress, and one submission includes a table for the description of the NDC, an illustrative table for the structured summary and a table for information on policies and measures.

The tables developed by the EU show many similarities to these submitted tables. The EU shares also views expressed in most of the submissions that the CTF tables currently used for biennial reporting by developed country Parties can serve as a starting point for the discussions.

Therefore, the EU is pleased to present, in an annex, draft CTF tables which are based on the present CTF tables, the reporting requirements in Section III of the MPGs and the annexes of Decision 4/CMA.1.

The draft CTF tables are structured as follows:

- NDC description
- Indicators and methodologies
- Structured Summary
- Article 6 (placeholder to take into account the Article 6 decision to be adopted at CMA2)
- Policies and Measures
- Summary information of GHG emissions and removals (for Parties that provided the NIR separately from the BTR)
- Data on key indicators relevant to the NDCs, as well as assumptions and parameters for projections
- Projections (With measures, with additional measures and without measures)

The EU is prepared to present its thinking on the structure and contents at SBSTA 50 as well as how the tables and narrative text in the BTR should complement each other. The EU looks forward to discussing these tables and options to improve the understanding and clarity of the tables.

Views on other types of reporting tables

In its submission of 1 April 2019, the EU shared its views on other types of reporting tables. These views are still valid and the EU found similar views in other Parties' submissions.

The EU's views on CRT tables are detailed in chapter 3.1 of the above-mentioned submission. The EU welcomes the submission, by a group of Parties, of examples of suggested modifications of common reporting format (CRF) tables. This is in line with the EU's view that the CRF tables provide for a good starting point for the discussions.

On CTF tables for financial, technology development and transfer and capacity building support provided and mobilised, the EU's views are detailed in chapter 3.3.1 of its submission of 1 April 2019. Similarly to the views expressed in several other Parties' submissions, the EU finds that the current CTF tables used for biennial reports under the Convention represent a good starting point.

The EU's views on CTF tables for financial, technology development and transfer and capacity building support needed and received are provided in chapter 3.3.2 of the above-mentioned submission. Like other Parties in their submissions, the EU points out the importance of developing well-structured, easy-to-use tables for reporting the information which has been defined in the relevant paragraphs of the MPGs.

As regards the CRT and the CTF table on support provided and mobilised, and needed and received, the EU sees that the development of these tables is best done after the discussion and agreement of the starting point and mode of work for these tables.

Supplement to the transparency submission – Annex 1

Draft outline and general structure of the biennial transparency report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chapter I: Introduction

Chapter II: General and crosscutting issues

Chapter III: National inventory (*This chapter is not needed if the NIR is submitted as stand-alone report*)

The structure of chapters in line with the “National inventory document outline” (cf. Annex to the submission by the European Union of 1 April 2019)

Chapter IV: Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions

- A. National circumstances and institutional arrangements
- B. Description of a Party’s nationally determined contribution
- C. Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions
- D. Mitigation policies and measures, actions and plans
- E. Summary of greenhouse gas emissions and removals
 - (a) *A reference to the CTF table(s) where greenhouse gas emissions and removals are summarized by Parties that provide the greenhouse gas inventory as a stand-alone report*
or
 - (b) *a reference to relevant section(s) of chapter II where greenhouse gas emissions and removals are summarized by other Parties*
- F. Projections of greenhouse gas emissions and removals

Chapter V: Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation

1. Parties are invited to provide information related to climate change impacts and adaptation, as appropriate. As such, providing this information is not mandatory.

2. Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation under article 7 of the Paris Agreement and for National Communications can be reported in this chapter of the Biennial Transparency Report.

Chapter VI: Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided and mobilized

- A. National circumstances and institutional arrangements
- B. Underlying assumptions, definitions and methodologies
- C. Information on financial support provided and mobilized
- D. Information on support for technology development and transfer provided
- E. Information on capacity-building support provided

Chapter VII: Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support needed and received

- A. National circumstances, institutional arrangements and country-driven strategies
- B. Underlying assumptions, definitions and methodologies
- C. Information on financial support needed
- D. Information on financial support received
- E. Information on technology development and transfer support needed
- F. Information on technology development and transfer support received
- G. Information on capacity-building support needed
- H. Information on capacity-building support received
- I. Information on support needed and received for the implementation of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and transparency-related activities, including for transparency-related capacity-building

Chapter VIII: Other reporting matters

Supplement to the transparency submission – Annex 2 Elements for a draft TER Report Outline

Technical Expert Review of the information reported in accordance with MPGs		
Abbreviations and acronyms		
Introduction and summary		
Report	To be reviewed against:	Chapters for the review results relating to the various reporting requirements:
BTR	MPGs, 146 (a)	Information on national greenhouse gas emissions and removals / National Inventory Report
BTR	MPGs, 146 (a-b)	Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving the NDC under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement
BTR	MPGs, 146 (a, c)	Information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building support provided to developing country Parties under Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Paris Agreement, as relevant
BTR	MPGs, 146 (d)	Information on areas of improvement related to implementation of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement
BTR	MPGs, 146 (e)	Information on capacity-building needs ¹
		Information to be reported every four years when National Communications are due ² :
BTR/NatCom	13/CP.20	Vulnerability assessment, climate change impacts and adaptation measures
BTR/NatCom	13/CP.20	Research and systematic observation
BTR/NatCom	13/CP.20	Education, training and public awareness
Conclusions and recommendations		
Annex: documents and information used during the review		

¹ For those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities.

² These chapters will be added to the reports of those technical expert reviews which include the review of such information.

Tracking of progress with the implementation and achievement of the NDC – CTF tables- Annex 3

The CTF tables on tracking of progress with the implementation and achievement of the NDC are provided in the attached excel file.