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Submission to SBSTA on matters related to the transparency framework under the Paris Agreement: Possible options for the common reporting tables (CRT) for national GHG inventories April 2021

Context

1. The SBSTA Chair has encouraged Parties to submit their views on the upcoming topics of the informal technical workshops being scheduled over the next few months. This submission responds to the invitation and will address possible options for the common reporting tables (CRT) for national greenhouse gas inventories.

Options for CRT for national greenhouse gas inventories

2. New Zealand reiterates its view made in previous submissions to the SBSTA that **the basis** for developing the CRT for national greenhouse gas inventories **should be the CRF tables** used by developed countries in their annual reporting of national greenhouse gas inventories. The current CRF tables, as available on the UNFCCC website (and as linked below), are part of this submission:

- Set 1 - Energy, industrial processes and waste
- Set 2 - AFOLU
- Set 3 - Cross sectoral

3. The CRF tables are already designed to take into account the IPCC 2006 *IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* that are mandated for use by all Parties through the transparency MPGs annexed to decision 18/CMA.1.

4. The CRF table construct **also provides a good basis for operationalizing the specific flexibility provisions** as defined in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1, for those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities. New Zealand reiterates its view that to maintain the integrity of the CRT, the best way to **operationalise these flexibility provisions is through the introduction of a new notation key**, accompanied by providing explanatory information in documentation boxes included in the CRT and/or in the national inventory document. Our view is that this would be a straightforward and transparent way to operationalise the use of these flexibility provisions.

5. New Zealand does not support providing Parties with the option to delete entire tables or to delete columns/rows from any of the tables in the CRT. This would disrupt the integrity of the reporting tables and would not be transparent.

Conclusion

6. New Zealand looks forward to the informal technical workshop on possible options for common reporting tables for the electronic reporting of the information in the national inventory reports, and making progress on the technical design of these tables with the aim of completing our work for consideration and adoption by CMA 3 in November 2021.

