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Review of the effectiveness of the processes under the Convention and its Protocols

Results of the survey on the pilot modalities for the early submission of statements carried out at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice**

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of decisions [16/25](#), [CP-11/5](#) and [NP-5/10](#), the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice agreed on modalities for the early submission of statements to allow Parties and observers to convey their positions or comments on draft recommendations contained in pre-session documents ahead of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, on a voluntary and informal basis.
2. The Bureau also agreed that the modalities would be applied on a trial basis to agenda items 9 (biodiversity and agriculture) and 10 (biodiversity and health).
3. Following the implementation of the modalities at the meeting, an online survey was conducted by the Secretariat, from 23 October to 28 October 2025, to obtain views on the effectiveness of the modalities, from Parties and observers registered for the meeting. The survey was issued in all official languages of the United Nations.
4. The results of the survey are contained in the annex to the present document. They have been reproduced in the form and languages in which they were provided to, or gathered by the Secretariat.

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Annex

Results of the survey on the pilot modalities for the early submission of statements carried out at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

Summary of results

Respondents:	32
Parties:	25
Observers:	7

Single choice questions and responses	
Q5 – Did you submit a statement during the early submission period before the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice? • Yes: 15 • No: 17	
Q6 – How satisfied were you with the submission process? • Highly satisfied (4): 12 • Satisfied (3): 12 • Unsatisfied (2): 1 • Highly unsatisfied (1): 2 • No answer: 5	
Q7 – Did you have any issues submitting your statement? • Yes: 5 • No: 23 • No answer: 4	
Q9 – How successful was the early submission process in streamlining discussions under agenda items 9 and 10? • Highly satisfied (4): 12 • Satisfied (3): 13 • Unsatisfied (2): 3 • Highly unsatisfied (1): 1 • No answer: 3	
Q10 — How would you rate the overall effectiveness of the pilot modalities for early submission? • Highly satisfied (4): 11 • Satisfied (3): 10 • Unsatisfied (2): 7 • Highly unsatisfied (1): 0 • No answer: 4	

Narrative responses**Q8 – What were the issues? (5 responses)**

1. technical glitch
2. No nos dieron la palabra (observer)
3. No nos dieron la palabra desde la presidencia a los observadores a partir de al Agenda 6 en adelante. (observer)
4. Internet challenges
5. After submission I received a confirmation, however only 2 hours later I could see the submission on the website. It all worked well, it might be my laptop or internet, but just to be aware of potential delay.

Q11 – What improvements to the early submission process would you suggest? (23 responses)

1. None
2. Online submission system should be active until the deadline 2. Need to inform parties about the modalities through virtual meeting, side events etc
3. El proceso se podría ampliar a todos los temas de la reunión. El apoyo por las Partes a las declaraciones de los Observadores, también se podría hacer de forma temprana por medios electrónicos para ahorrar tiempo durante la sesión del pleno.
4. Encourage the Parties don't have submitted online to do it.
5. Los observadores igualmente somos ciudadanos de los Estados Partes, y tenemos derecho a intervenir. (observer)
6. Extensión a todos los puntos del orden del día para una mayor repercusión en la eficiencia de las reuniones.
7. Have broader participation of parties and observers to the early submission process.
8. I think we need to expand it to more contentious agenda items to see if it can cut time, streamline discussion of non-paper and move us quickly to CRP.
9. NA
10. We encourage to continue using early submission of statements and extended to other agenda items. This would allow and promote time saving measures.
11. Earlier notification of intent to have the process
12. que ciñan a lo establecido en el programa (observer)
13. Make documents more accessible and potentially think about making early submission mandatory – potentially allowing some leeway also for Parties to update their submissions on agreed deadlines. (observer)
14. Parties who sent early submission should also be given the chance to deliver a short statement on their submission.
15. I think early submission must be an option, but also it has to be possible to send comments during Plenary as well. (observer)
16. •Overall, this is a useful approach that can help save time in plenary. •However, it might be perceived as a deprioritization of the selected agenda items. •Clearer and more proactive communication would be helpful regarding expectations — in particular, whether Parties will still have the opportunity to make statements in plenary, and who will be able to do so (e.g. Parties, regional groups, observers, etc.). We suggest that in the future, plenary interventions could be limited to regional groups and observers. •Stronger promotion and encouragement of participation would be beneficial, emphasizing that submitting statements early does not represent a disadvantage and that all inputs will be duly considered when preparing the CRPs. •Statements should not be published immediately upon upload, but rather released simultaneously to avoid any concerns about potential strategic disadvantages
17. اعتقد بان تقديم البيانات المبكره قد تكن جوده لكن لا يغني عن تقديم الحي اثناء الاجتماعات
18. Keep the reminders coming and have reliable internet

19. the early submission process has limited use if there is resistance from Parties who insist on making interventions on the floor. The other difficulty is that each statement must be individually opened and read—it would be helpful if the submissions closed a day earlier and these were synthesised into a single document so that other parties did not have to open each individual file to view interventions.
20. Timing and modality of the submission could be adjusted based on the experience of this trial
21. During plenary it might not reflect the balance between Parties and observers took part in the early submission and Parties and observers who took the floor.
22. Allow for early submissions much sooner
23. It was Internet access (observer)

Q12 – Additional comments or suggestions (19 responses)

1. None
2. Though every agenda item is important, however comparatively less important item should go under early modalities
3. Sería recomendable repetir esta modalidad piloto en las próximas reuniones de SBSTTA y SBI, incorporando las mejoras recogidas en la encuesta y ampliando esta posibilidad a todos los temas de la reunión.
4. The success of the process is dependent on the participation of the majority of Parties.
5. Derecho al uso de la palabra (observer)
6. Sería conveniente extender el uso de estas modalidades a todos los puntos del orden del día...
7. The early submission is an excellent means to running SBSTTA efficiently. FSM encourages this pilot to continue. Given that Countries with limited capacity may not be able to read all the statements, it would be good if a summary of the submissions could be presented to show the positions of parties so it's clear where convergences are and where there may be divergence. A Party wishing to modify their posted statements, either to add to it or remove, can use the plenary time to highlight those changes and request that it be incorporated.
8. One issue is that parties who wish to submit group statements often don't meet until the day before opening making it a challenge to prepare a group statement. I think the network of regional TSC may be able to play a role in supporting early submission and other pilot modalities. I hope the Secretariat can encourage and solicit the support of TSCs to play a role in catalysing early prep and submission of national and regional statements and other pilot modalities to assist with time saving practices that can be used to help us achieve increasingly ambitious agendas.
9. NA
10. Thank you for initiating/testing the pilot modalities, and soliciting feedback.
11. Estimo que un detalle es que muchos participantes se salieron de la temática al abordar otros temas y con un discruso bastante prolongado. (observer)
12. Great time-saving initiative – makes little sense to spend so much time listening to pre-prepared at meetings. It will be good to see the Secretariat address the other requests for streamlining from the CoP decision, including pre-peer review of official documents (observer)
13. Modalities should not replace the formal modalities during Plenary. Maybe it is ok with don't let to address statement, but the right of Parties and Observers to send comments during plenary has to be respected. (observer)
14. To be really effective in using the pilot modality, it is important to allow time for negotiations, be it on elements of text or the whole text, so that (text missing)
15. Keep on reminding us and have reliable internet
16. The written submissions may not be suitable for all items, but for those where they are, they are very useful but only if their use is universal. We would like to see this approach continued
17. Basically, this is a good trial to have efficient alternative to the first reading. The modality could be improved to have wider participation from developing country Parties. Endorsement of observer submissions may be also important.

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| <p>18. It saves a lot of time. We just have to make sure a balance between views is reflected during the first reading.</p> <p>19. only Internet access (observer)</p> |
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