

ADDENDUM TO THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONTACT GROUPS ON AGENDA ITEM 4

NOTE BY THE CO-LEADS OF CONTACT GROUP 3

1. The present document amends the organization of work for all the contact groups on agenda item 4.
 2. Contact group 3 will include two sessions in order to review targets 9-13. This will allow approximately one hour per target which will be discussed. The co-leads of contact group 4 suggest the following organization of work:
 - First session: Targets 9, 10 and 11.
 - Second session: Finishing target 11 and target 12 and 13.
 3. At the opening of the first session, the co-leads will introduce the intended work and outcome of the contact group. The contact group will then commence discussions on each target. In introducing each target, the co-leads will present an oral overview of views expressed on this target through the statements provided in plenary.
 4. Please provide text proposals to further develop the element under consideration. Delegations are encouraged to prepare clear, focused and efficient interventions that provide specific textual suggestions. **Additionally, in order to facilitate the work of the target group, Parties are invited to submit to the Secretariat their textual suggestions for targets 9-13 by 6pm (Montreal time) 31 August 2021.** Any text sent by email would still need to be introduced by the Party verbally; however, this would allow the Secretariat staff responsible for the onscreen editing to easily copy the text (as opposed to using the chat function to copy text or relying on oral dictation). Delegations unable to submit text before the deadline will still have the opportunity to introduce text proposals during the contact group meetings.
 5. Participants are invited to consider supporting a previously presented text proposal if it addresses the general interest/concern of their own delegation, rather than proposing similar language that does not vary greatly in substantive content/direction. Parties may express their support for proposals using the chat box but are discouraged from using it for the proposal of text unless invited to do so by the co-leads.
 6. To assist the deliberations, the text of the element being discussed, together with the proposed amendments to the text that have previously been submitted, will be projected on the screen. The secretariat will capture any new text proposals but these will not be shown on the screen. If requested by the co-leads, new text can be posted in the chat.
 7. **Due to the timing of the contact group sessions, the co-leads will prepare a non-paper which will be available immediately before the session and will include contributions up to the deadline (31 August, 6 p.m.).** As this will just be a compilation of submissions from Parties which will allow Parties to check the accurate reflection of their submissions, the co-leads would like to request the indulgence of Parties for the late availability of the non-paper.
 8. The co-leads note that similar material is being prepared under contact group 4 (i.e. compilation of submissions and a draft composite text) for each target and the co-leads hope to initiate a process of iterative refinement of the individual elements where in particular the composite texts, to be further developed, refined and consolidated by Parties, can eventually become the basis for the negotiation stage, to be embarked on during the physical meeting in Geneva.
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