



## **Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (outcome document)**

### **Sunday, 2 August 2015: Plenary resuming shortly to bring text forward for adoption**

A quick update for those that are following negotiations today:

A large group of countries have been meeting since this morning on resolving some of the tricky issues and working around trade-offs in language. This meeting has broken, as I've just seen the Irish delegation retreat into a meeting room with Nikhil Seth and others, presumably to put together a clean text based on these discussions. Indications we've just received is that they have an agreed text that they will now take to plenary to agree upon shortly. We can only hope that the co-facilitator's perception of "consensus" really does represent consensus and that no issues arise!

You can follow the plenary on UN Webcast at [www.webtv.un.org](http://www.webtv.un.org)

### **Sunday, 2 August 2015: Revised Text for adoption and update from Negotiations - Sunday morning**

For your reference, you can find the latest version of the final draft for adoption of the Post-2015 Outcome Document, as well as the document in track changes from the last version. You can also find our redlines attached here as well, for reference. Plenary is scheduled to resume at 11 AM today, and you can watch on UN webcast at [www.webtv.un.org](http://www.webtv.un.org)

Notably, the language on human rights in paragraph 19 has been reverted to Rio+20 language, thus removing "fulfil", but keeping "other status." This seems like a compromised language, as "internationally agreed" is out of the text, but there is now a reference to UDHR and other international instruments. Also, "all economic and social groupings" from paragraph 4 has been changed to "all segments of society." The climate language changed many times throughout the course of the day yesterday, and the text as it currently stands is a compromise from these discussions, and includes language from both the original paragraph and the co-facilitator's alt para, along with new language around ambitions for COP21. "Official" data has crept back in to paragraph 64a., which is discouraging after our efforts to remove it in the last version. "Foreign occupation" is still in paragraph 33, so I'm not sure if there has already been a compromise with the addition of language in that sentence, or if this will remain an issue as it stands. The MOI section has also changed significantly in this version as well. Again, not sure if there was a compromise already on this text, or if this is still yet to be worked out today – but we will

update you when we hear back on intel from the various negotiating bloc's coordination meetings and the plenary.

### **Saturday, 1 August 2015: Update from Negotiations - Saturday night**

Another quick update from the negotiations:

After having informal meetings with the various negotiating blocs throughout the day, we've been told that the plenary will reconvene at 9 AM tomorrow (Sunday). They will circulate a revised draft for adoption to delegations in the "mid-evening" today, and co-facilitators will attempt to reach consensus agreement by 9 AM tomorrow to bring the document forward for adoption, with the possibility of negotiations spilling over and delaying the plenary further again tomorrow. We've heard that there's tentative agreement on the climate paragraph (which has changed since the previous version I have sent to some of you – I have new language as well) and the outstanding issues at the moment are around CBDR and Means of Implementation. No word on the status of human rights or "all economic and social groupings" language – rumors are swirling around the status of this language and various delegation proposals, but I haven't been able to substantiate any of these claims as of yet, so I will update on that front when I have credible information to report back with.

As far as a timeline for adoption, we have also heard that delegations are prepared to negotiate tomorrow and Monday as well, instead of the possibility of postponing the negotiations to first week of September – as consensus seems to be that it would not be good for the negotiations to break and then come back a few weeks later and "reset" things again.

We'll be in touch when the next draft circulates, and I'll again provide some preliminary feedback and updates on the process as things move forward tomorrow as well.

Saturday, 1 August 2015: Another quick update from today and climate change paragraph 30  
As a quick update, the plenary will now resume at 7 PM (although likely to be pushed back again in all reality, as the next text has still not been released and thus the blocs have not had a chance to coordinate yet together). The co-facilitators are meeting with various negotiating blocs throughout the day to see how to reconcile some of the key remaining issue, presumably to potentially ensure that we can re-convene in plenary with a text that is suitable to put forward for adoption.

Also, for those that are interested, I have the newly put together text on paragraph 30 on climate change in my possession. However, since it is not strictly "public", I will not share on the listserv, but instead, please let me know if you would like me to send along to you and I can send to you on a confidential basis.

### **Saturday, 1 August 2015: Notes and intel on today's 31 July Final Draft "for adoption" and update on negotiations tonight**

A quick update from last night/this morning's negotiations. Plenary is now set to re-convene at 5 PM, after negotiations that went just past 4:30 AM.

Overall, the plenary and the discussions between Member States have resulted in no emerging consensus on some of the most sticky issues – including CBDR, Means of Implementation, Climate Para 30 and human rights language in particular.

The co-facilitators have identified a few key areas that they will open up discussions on for today – including on the Climate Change paragraph, which delegations worked this morning on finalizing a proposal for language to the co-facilitators – but Ambassador Kamau made it very clear that they will not be entertaining significant changes in all of the paragraphs and just those that delegations have found to be particularly problematic (namely those mentioned above.) The co-facilitators have said that they will un-bracket the language on CBDR in para 12, which I suspect the EU and developing countries will not accept unless concessions are made on the other end.

We heard the African Group and the Arab Group push back on the “all economic and social groupings” language – the first time any delegation has spoken up against this reference in the entire two weeks of negotiations, or previous. While I do strongly believe that they genuinely do not want this language in there for some glaringly obvious reasons, I also strongly suspect that this is a matter of posturing themselves for negotiation leverage as well, particularly when we're talking about the “Internationally agreed” human rights language (which was bracketed in previous text and has been removed for this version) and the “other status” language in paragraph 19. It's indeed very sad that it's come to this point where human rights language is potentially used as bargaining chips for “horse-trading” at this late stage, but we have been pushing back very strongly – and we heard from delegations like the EU and others who have supported this language on “all economic and social groupings” that the more delegations resist this language, the deeper it entrenches them, to the point where the EU is considering it as a key redline for them at this late stage.

As we suspected coming in, the Means of Implementation will be a particularly tricky topic to address – particularly as the co-facilitators have suggested a significant amount of changes in this current version.

References to good governance and peace that were added to the document did not receive any resistance in plenary, so I suspect that this language is all safe.

We'll be sure to keep you in the loop as things develop today, and you can also follow us on twitter at @TAPNetwork2015, where we'll be active as well.

**Friday, 31 July 2015: Notes and intel on today's 31 July Final Draft "for adoption" and update on negotiations tonight**

A few quick updates on the Post-2015 negotiations, again from my own perspective and the intel and info I've gathered thus far below. Also, you can find the revised text with track changes attached here as well.

- Member States are still coordinating around responses, and we've been told that the co-facilitators have been making the rounds at these coordination meetings. They have told delegations/blocs that if they all agree on accepting the bracketed language in the current text, that they will put the document forward for adoption during this plenary coming up. The problem is that this has received some resistance from groups, and they have been coordinating their responses with proposed amendments to present in plenary.
- We have gotten the language on meeting all goals for all economic and social groupings re-inserted back in the text – a big win for us here, and thanks to all who have been engaged on this advocacy front!
- "Good governance at all levels" has been inserted into paragraph 33 after a proposal from Republic of Korea and a strong level of support from other Member States.
- The shorter preamble has been chosen for inclusion, however, it has an addition of language on climate change as well.
- A proposal from the LLDCs has been incorporated into the SDGs and targets in this round. Since this was not a recommended change from the co-facilitators, it presents a situation where it's possible that we've "re-opened" the substance of one of the targets from the OWG report. We've heard that the EU will likely push back on this – however their rationale is that it takes the focus away from LDCs, etc. While it's not an imminent threat of re-opening things, it is something to be aware of at the very least.
- Means of Implementation section has been dramatically changed and represents a huge issue still for many groups. The Technology Facilitation Mechanism has been significantly expanded, and the MOI section has been completely re-structured. Many Member States pushed back on the language included in the previous draft because it "cherry-picked" language and paras from the AAAAA, and they felt that doing this was re-interpreted the AAAAA as a result.
- The bracketed language on "internationally agreed human rights" from the previous draft has been removed, which is a significant step forward.
- Contact group has apparently been convened to discuss paragraph 30 on Climate Change, which France is facilitating.
- The language on foreign occupation is still also in the text at the moment, in paragraph 33 which contains all of the issues around Goal 16.
- Language on "voluntary" reviews still remains. It's still possible for the EU and others to push back, but none have prioritized this at the moment unfortunately.
- CBDR is still an issue, with language in paragraph 12 bracketed at the moment. The EU has said they are willing to accept one reference to CBDR in paragraph 30 on climate change, but not the two references including para 12. This is a redline for both the EU/Developed countries and the G77, so it will remain a sticking point in negotiations going forward, surely.

- Reference to “high-quality” data has been added to 66g.
- “Regular and inclusive” reviews at all levels has been added to paragraph 69, which helps works to counter-balance the “voluntary” references throughout this chapter.
- Language on global citizenship “and shared responsibility” has been added, which is an interesting addition.
- An additional reference to “durable peace” has been added into paragraph 39.
- EU has taken up issues with language on migration, Tech Facilitation Mechanism, Middle Income Countries and a few other issues – but we will find out more about their position soon.
- The controversial paragraph on “family” has been deleted in the previous version of the draft, but a reference to families has popped up in paragraph 25 – so we will see if that creates any issues.

That’s all we have for now, but we’ll update you as things develop here over the coming hours and (hopefully not) days ahead.