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SECTION E. ADAPTATION

KEY POINTS TO BE CAPTURED

A streamlined version of the text must deliver clear options and strong signals that adaptation will be adequately reflected in the new agreement in a way that meets the needs of vulnerable communities and countries. With current projected emissions trajectories and the level of impacts already being felt in vulnerable developing countries particularly in LDC, SIDs and African Countries Parties need to make bold decisions that adequately address the scale of the adaptation challenge. This can be done by ensuring that:

- › Adaptation is treated at the same priority level as mitigation and forms an integral part of the 2015 agreement.
- › All parties present their intended adaptation contributions to the UNFCCC and that these shall be reviewed in regular cycles (ideally 5 years) to ensure that adaptation efforts and adaptation support needs (finance, technology and capacity-building) are increased in line with projected climate change impacts and adaptation needs.
- › Adoption of a Global Goal for Adaptation underpinned by objectives for each of the following areas: Adaptation finance, institutional frameworks and adaptation readiness.
- › Adaptation finance should be public finance which is new and additional, predictable, sustainable and adequate to meet the needs of those countries that are most vulnerable to climate change yet have the least responsibility for causing the problem and the least capability to deal with the challenges.
- › Recognition that irreversible loss and damage due to climate change will increase where adaptation and mitigation actions are not sufficient to curb the most severe impacts of climate change. Therefore the issue of loss and damage should be captured as a stand-alone section in the 2015 agreement and not as part of Section E under Adaptation.

The current negotiation text contains options that capture all the major elements that are required but Parties need to ensure that the right options are retained as the basis for further discussion or agreed as final drafts. The more that Parties can agree to in advance of Paris the better.



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