



Agreed Electronic Format (AEF) – Actions (Table 3)

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Background (*or a gentle reminder, again*)



- We are nearing the end of the ***third year*** of discussions about the AEF
 - This is the ***fifth*** multiday technical workshop with a large focus on the AEF
 - Two technical workshops in 2022, two in 2023, and this week's workshop
- ***Parties are already implementing Article 6.2 cooperative approaches***, including submitting Initial Reports and AEF tables
- ***Failure to adopt the AEF threatens the transparency of Article 6.2 implementation*** and undermines the ***ability to conduct consistency checks***
- ***We have a road map***
 - The Glasgow Article 6.2 guidance specifies the information that needs to be collected through the AEF, including the relevant “action” types
- Adopting tables merely requires including the ***proper columns, rows, and table notes*** (to explain columns/help compilers fill info), in a well-organized manner
 - The ***information to be collected has already been decided***
 - Designing the AEF is merely organizing this information in a useable format that is easily understood by compilers and readers

- ***Note: Authorizations are a type of action***, but they are unique
 - Authorizations should be reported in their own Table 2 – Authorizations
 - ✓ See Wednesday presentation for more background and rationale
- **Glasgow Article 6.2 Guidance provides the roadmap for AEF Table 3 – Actions**
 - Paragraph 20(a) lists the action types that need to be reported
 - Paragraph 20(b) elaborates the information for actions that needs to be reported
- **There is no complex magic in adopting tables**
 - *We are simply organizing the required information that has already been decided in paras 20(a) and (b) of the annex to 2/CMA.3 into columns and rows in an organized, user-friendly manner; and*
 - Adding table notes that explain what the column header is referring to and providing “user-guide” type information to help the compiler properly fill the table based on the required information

- Article 13 negotiators succeeded in adopting a suite of tables, including structured summary Table 4, which includes elements related to Article 6 (para 77d of the MPGs)
 - ***Article 6 is no more complex than Article 13***
- Article 13 negotiators did so by closely aligning the tables to the text in the different sections of the Modalities, Procedures, and Guidelines (MPGs) in 18/CMA.1
 - ***There is no new, additional information beyond what was in the agreed MPGs***
- If you read through the Transparency tables in Annex II of 5/CMA.3, individual tables clearly address different sections of the MPGs in 18/CMA.1
 - Columns in these tables *match the MPGs text of 18/CMA.1 almost exactly*
 - Table notes clarify what information is to be provided under each column, to assist compilers in filling the tables, *but include references to the specific MPG provisions that require the reported information*
- ***Getting to the finish line was made possible by very closely adhering to what was already agreed and adopted***

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- ***To get to the finish line, the AEF needs to closely adhere to what is already agreed in para 20(a) and (b) of 2/CMA.3***
 - We are not negotiating additional guidance through tables
 - To reach agreement, we need comfort that the tables are accurately reflecting the guidance already agreed in 2/CMA.3
 - Attempts to build in extra reporting elements to provide “clarity” threaten to create confusion and ambiguity (extra tables, extra information)
- ***An example of where we have bogged down is the “pull down” list of actions and sub-actions*** (the list of “common nomenclature” action types and subtypes)
 - This list has grown, and is unnecessary
 - Para 20(a) already lists the action types
- We can include an extra column to allow a Party to explain the purpose of an action if it chooses, but ***do not need to agree a list of action “subtypes” to adopt the AEF***
 - This extra column can be provided so Parties, if they choose, can elaborate on the specific purpose for which they are taking an action

Thank you!