

INTENDED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (INDCS): REPORT FROM LIMA



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LIMA “CALL FOR CLIMATE ACTION” GIVES MINIMAL GUIDANCE ON INDCS

“14. Agrees that the information to be provided by Parties communicating their intended nationally determined contributions, in order to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding, **may include**, as appropriate, inter alia, quantifiable information on the **reference point** (including, as appropriate, a base year), **time frames** and/or periods for implementation, **scope and coverage, planning processes, assumptions** and **methodological approaches** including those for estimating and accounting for anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and, as appropriate, removals, and **how the Party considers that its intended nationally determined contribution is fair and ambitious**, in light of its national circumstances, and **how it contributes towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2;**”

LIMA CALL FOR ACTION AND INDCS: WHAT'S IN IT?

- Invitation to all countries to submit INDCs
- **Adaptation:** Parties are invited to include adaptation in their INDCs (par.12)
- **No Backsliding:** It is agreed that INDCs will be beyond what has been previously committed (par. 10)
- **Assessment of Effect of INDCs (par. 16):**
 - INDCs will be published on the UNFCCC website
 - The Secretariat will publish, by November 1st, a synthesis of the **aggregate effect** of INDCs submitted by October 1
- Encourages Developed countries to provide support for INDC development

LIMA CALL FOR ACTION: WHAT'S NOT IN IT?

- No Common End Date
- No Minimum Requirements for INDCs
 - No strong mitigation component identified
- No language on Means of Implementation in INDCs (but no prohibition of their inclusion)
- No indication of how INDCs will be included in the 2015 Agreement
 - In the agreement
 - As an attachment, appendix, or schedule
- No mechanism for increasing ambition of INDCs (“ratcheting”)
- No list of potential forms of INDC (set of policies, projects, economy-wide absolute target, economy-wide BAU targets, sectoral targets, etc.)

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