

AGN STATEMENT ON ARTICLES 13 AND 14

Article 13: Implementation and Compliance

In alignment with the African position, AGN also supports the text proposed by the chair on **implementation and compliance (Article 13)** with the following amendments

1. On para 2 include ..systemic implementation and compliance”
2. On para 3 AGN proposes the membership to be 11 taking into account geographical region and gender
3. AGN propose revision of article para 4 to read as follows ” Members shall be elected to the committee to serve for a period of [2] years and for a maximum of two consecutive terms. The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall elect [11] members to the committee for an initial term of [2] years and [2] members for a term of [half of 3] years. Thereafter, the Conference of the Parties shall elect at its relevant regular meetings [11] members for a term of [2] years. The members and alternate members shall remain in office until their successors are elected”
4. On para 7 the AGN agrees that decision should be reached by consensus and not by voting

Article 14: National Plans

On **Article 14 concerning national plans**, AGN agrees with the textual proposal by the chair paper, in alignment with the African group position, and as described in paragraphs 1 to 7.

AGN requests the following changes:

- Add a paragraph 6 for support to developing countries: “Support shall be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation of this article, recognizing that enhanced support for developing country Parties will effectively facilitate their actions both in preparing national plans and implementing this instrument at large.”
- On par 7 Replace “may” to “shall adopt guidance” on the implementation of the Article at first COP meeting.