



Contact Group 4
Statement by Samoa on behalf of Small Island Developing States
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Art 16 - Effectiveness Evaluation

On behalf of the SIDS, we see this article as a critical tool in ensuring the evolution and increasing ambition of the agreement. We have a number of specific textual comments:

1. The title of the article should just be Effectiveness Evaluation
2. In Para 1, we should replace periodically with regularly to make clear that this is a regular and ongoing process.
3. In para 3, we think that 6 years may be too long and too infrequently, but the first evaluation should happen after 2 reporting cycles. We don't have specific text on this point.
4. In Para 4, we don't think that the list should be exclusive, so should retain 4g or add inter alia at the end of the chapeau;
5. In Para 4a, as others have suggested, we should remove "any" as national plans should be obligatory. We would add "pursuant to Art 14" at that end of that line.
6. In 4(d), we would add "and traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems"

Thank you.