

The Government of Japan proposes the following modifications to the Chairperson's draft negotiating document.

Annex

Agriculture

➤ Paragraph 3, Sub-paragraph (b)

Please replace the phrase "increase the agriculture and rural development share of official development assistance (ODA)" on the second line with the phrase "**increase investment in agriculture and rural development from both public and private sources**"

As we need a horizontal approach involving all relevant sectors including health care and education in order to achieve poverty reduction, we think it is inappropriate to simply increase ODA in one particular sector. In addition we admit that an increased investment in agriculture sector is needed from both public and private sources.

➤ Paragraph 5, Sub-paragraph (i)

Please replace the term "elimination" with "**reduction**" in the last part of this Sub-paragraph (i); "including through the elimination of trade-distorting subsidies in developed countries" We would like to maintain consistency with the WTO Agreement which requires reduction of trade-distorting subsidies.

Please modify Sub-paragraph (a) of Paragraph 44 in a same way.

Drought

➤ Paragraph 19, Sub-paragraph (e)

We think it is more appropriate to move this Sub-paragraph (e) to Paragraph 13 under the title of "Land."

Desertification

➤ Paragraph 26, Sub-paragraph (h)

Please replace the phrase "Make available increased and additional financial resources" with the phrase "**Make adequate financial resources**".

➤ Paragraph 26, Sub-paragraph (i)

Please delete the phrase "Mobilize new and additional financial resources" and combine the remaining phrase of Sub-paragraph (i) and Sub-paragraph (h). The new

modified Sub-paragraph reads as follows; **“Make adequate financial resources for sustainable land management including through the Global Environmental Facility as well as for the Global Mechanism for the implementation of the UNCCD 10-Year Strategic Plan.”**

➤ Paragraph 26, Sub-paragraph (k)

Please delete the phrase “new and additional.”

Africa

➤ Paragraph 28 (b)

In order to clarify the point, please change ‘Accelerate the realization of the CAADP’ to **‘Accelerate agricultural development in line with the CAADP.’**

➤ Paragraph 28 (c)

Please add **‘to strengthen Africa’s ownership over its own development’** after the end of the paragraph to highlight the importance of national ownership.

➤ Paragraph 28 (i)

Simply to improve and clarify the language, change ‘including by easing access to microfinance by women farmers’ to **‘including by increasing access to microfinance by farmers, in particular women’**

➤ Paragraph 29 (c)

In order to clarify the point, change ‘Building infrastructure to reduce pre- and post-harvest losses;’ to **‘Reduce pre- and post-harvest losses, such as through infrastructure development and technology transfer’.**

➤ Paragraph 32 (a)

Delete ‘Ensure additional actions including by both Paris Club and non-Paris Club donors to relieve the debt burden of African countries’, which emphasis the necessity of new arrangements to tackle the debt problem. Because various measures are already in place such as Enhanced HIPC, the MDRI, and the Avian Approach, and it is more important to fully utilize the existing mechanisms, the Government of Japan is not convinced why it is needed to create new mechanisms to tackle the debt problem. Furthermore, many of the creditors are sparing every effort in considering how to improve debt sustainability in many such fora including Paris Club meetings and it is undesirable to indicate as if such actions are not taken yet.

➤ Paragraph 32 (b)

Change ‘Extend debt relief even to those countries that are not eligible for HIPC assistance’ to ‘**Extend debt restructuring as necessary and appropriate**’. In principle, tackling the debt problem of non-HIPC countries should start with appropriate measures such as restructuring of their debts and making efforts to improve their domestic debt management systems. Debt relief including cancellation should remain as the last resort.

➤ Paragraph 32 (b) bis

Please insert a new paragraph as 32 (b) bis. ‘**Encourage non-Paris Club official bilateral creditors and private creditors to provide comparable relief on HIPC terms for eligible outstanding debt.**’

➤ Paragraph 33 (b)

To make it factually correct, change ‘Ensure that commitments to double ODA to Africa by 2010 are being met in order to meet the MDGs and in particular poverty reduction;’ into ‘**Ensure to fulfill G8 commitments on ODA made at Gleneagles, and reaffirmed at Heiligendam and Tokyo, including increasing, compared to 2004, with other donors, ODA to Africa by US\$ 25 billion a year by 2010 in order to meet the MDGs and in particular poverty eradication;**’

➤ Paragraph 33 (e)

Add ‘to broaden partnership’ after ‘triangular cooperation’ to show how this objective can be realized.

➤ Paragraph 36 (b)

Change ‘Mobilize new financial resources from all sources’ to ‘**Mobilize all financial resources**’.

Inter-likages, cross-cutting issues and means of implementation

➤ Paragraph 38

Insert ‘**under the notion of human security**’ after the end of the first sentence. Human Security, being a concept that addresses multi-sectoral issues and promotes a participatory approach based on protection and empowerment, is a critical approach in addressing sustainable development

➤ Paragraph 41, Sub-paragraph (d)

Regarding the phrase “to increase soil carbon content, including through the use of biochar,” we would like to suggest to replace the term “biochar” by “**reduced**

or no tillage” and **“organic matter application”** from the practical view point.

The fourth IPCC Evaluation Report pointed out that carbon sink on the agricultural land had a huge potential for mitigation. We acknowledge the importance of utilizing the agricultural land for the purpose of efficient and effective prevention of global warming. The IPCC Report suggests that there are several different methods which are best suited to each country and region according to the local conditions. The “reduced or no tillage” would be one of such methods and the “organic matter application” is encouraged in Japan.

➤ Paragraph 43, Sub-paragraph (b)

“Paris Principles for Aid Effectiveness” should be changed to **“Paris Declarations on Aid Effectiveness”** in accordance with its official Title.

➤ Paragraph 43, Sub-paragraph (f)

We can not accept the phrase “Develop new and innovative sources and methods of finance,” because the meaning of this phrase is too vague. We need modification of this phrase so that it would be clear, what is intended by this Sub-paragraph (f).

➤ Paragraph 44, Sub-paragraph (a)

Please replace the term “elimination” with **“reduction”** in the last part of this Sub-paragraph (a); "including through the elimination of trade-distorting subsidies in developed countries" We would like to maintain consistency with the WTO Agreement which requires reduction of trade-distorting subsidies.

(Same modification as Sub-paragraph (i) of Paragraph 5)