



Real Climate Accord Model Legislative Language

Wherever a national assembly prepares climate-related legislation, the demand for a Real Climate Accord is a key complementary feature to include. Legislative language should give the executive or other representative a clear obligation to represent the demand for a Real Climate Accord in UNFCCC negotiations, and voice the will of the legislature to be bound by climate targets (potentially those linked to the same piece of legislation) including by tariff schemes or green development funding obligations.

Model legislative language may include:

(1) At least sixty days prior to the next UNFCCC Conference of the Parties, the Executive shall submit in writing to the UNFCCC Parties:

(a) A commitment to raise the national INDC (Intended Nationally Determined Contribution) to emissions reduction levels commensurate with the national targets of this legislation.

(b) A proposal to structure future UNFCCC Accords around an enforceable global framework. Such framework should include:

(i) A global carbon budget, supported by science and linked to a given level of warming, which is

(ii) Apportioned over time between nations based on their wealth, existing energy mix, development status, and other political considerations;

(iii) Measurable and reported by a designated independent monitoring body; and

(iv) Enforceable, with the intent of creating effective incentives to comply, by at least two types of mechanisms:

(A) Sanctions: for developed states, the imposition of carbon tariffs or other trade penalties for non-compliance

(B) Development and adaptation funding: for developing states, the withholding of climate adaptation and clean development funding, which must be otherwise supplied at a level that effectively incentivizes their participation

(c) The expressed commitment of this legislature to approve such tariff schemes and green development funding contributions as are necessary to uphold an enforceable Accord, including this legislature's intent to ratify any such modifications to the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) through the World Trade Organization (WTO) as are necessary to support the Accord's framework.

This language may be adapted to suit the legislative body and specific statutory language at hand.