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We discussed the SBSTA decision which included recommendations on measurement methods, a paragraph on bunker fuels, and the paragraph for the military exemption for UN international peacekeeping activities. This discussion did not go smoothly - on the military exemption, although support was expressed by several Parties, the UK intervened to indicate that it had a problem with the language, which required the US and UK to work together on a language fix. Japan offered an additional paragraph to require all Parties to use their preferred approach for measuring HFCs, PFCs, and SF6, which we would normally have objected except for the importance of the military exemption. The UK intervened, and so the UK, US, and Japan were asked to develop language. This suggestion from Japan spawned another suggestion from New Zealand to develop decisions on the sink methodologies. Basically, the whole decision was bogged down by unresolved issues, and Estrada agreed to allow Parties more time to work out text.

Bo Jellen indicated "progress" but no real conclusion on his consultations (on Article 13?) Chair of Policies and measures also indicated "progress" but no real conclusion either. Canada read a general statement asking for special consideration due to its high exports of clean power. Tanzania concluded with a statement berating the Parties for not making enough progress on the core QELROs issues of targets and timetables.

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