

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: India in Global Climate Negotiations: Insights from Belem (COP30)

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			x	
Techn. Quality			x	
Clarity			x	
Significance		x		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This paper presents a timely and relevant analysis of India's evolving role in global climate negotiations, with a specific focus on COP30. The historical framing is effective, and the application of India's core principles CBDR, climate justice, and historical responsibility to assess the conference outcomes provides a coherent and insightful lens. The identification of alignments, such as on adaptation finance and the Just Transition mechanism, and persistent gaps, particularly in loss and damage financing, is valuable. However, major revisions are required prior to publication. The methodology is underdeveloped; it merely lists data sources without explaining the analytical framework or process for interpreting findings. The analysis, while descriptive, lacks critical depth. It would benefit from a more robust engagement with contrasting viewpoints on India's stance and a clearer discussion of the implications of the identified COP30 gaps for India's future strategy. Structurally, the abstract is overly brief for the paper's complexity, and the conclusion largely reiterates findings without synthesizing new insights or proposing a forward-looking research agenda. Substantially strengthening these sections, particularly by detailing the methodological rigor and enhancing critical evaluation, is essential for the paper to meet scholarly standards and contribute more forcefully to the literature.