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Q6

The term 'Intended Nationally Determined Contributions' is sometimes seen in the news in the context of (a) Pledges made by the European countries to rehabilitate refugees from the war-affected Middle East (b) Plan of action outlined by the countries of the world to combat climate change (c) Capital contributed by the member countries in the establishment of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (d) Plan of action outlined by the countries of the world regarding Sustainable Development Goals Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

European refugee pledges. INDCs are climate contribution texts under the UNFCCC, not a Middle East refugee facility. This letter is not the key.

(b) Official key

Climate plan of action. Intended Nationally Determined Contributions were each Party's pre-Paris 2015 outline of mitigation (and often adaptation and finance) toward the UNFCCC process. That stored letter is the official key.

(c)

AIIB capital. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank subscriptions are unrelated to INDCs. This letter is not the key.

(d)

SDG action plans. The 2030 Agenda is a separate UN development frame. INDCs sit in the climate track, so this letter is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) the climate plan of action. Before the Paris Agreement, Parties filed INDCs; after ratification they became NDCs. They are not refugee, AIIB or SDG documents. Honour the stored letter (b).

Related possible facts

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UNFCCC COP 21

Paris, December 2015

After Paris

INDCs become Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

India's INDC (2015)

Intensity cut, non-fossil power, extra carbon sink, among other heads

Legal form

Nationally determined, not a top-down Kyoto-style assigned amount

AIIB

Multilateral infrastructure bank, Beijing headquarters

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