

Item (a) of the Forum's Work Programme

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Implementation of Response Measures
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“Sharing of information and expertise, including reporting and promoting understanding of positive and negative impacts of response measures”

Central to the Forum’s mandate and purpose. The work programme’s objective is (as per 8/CP.17):

“ ... improving the understanding of the impact of the implementation of response measures.”

The basic tasks of the Forum

- ▣ **What measures are being taken? (a & h)**
- ▣ **Which ones are a priority? (a & h)**
- ▣ **What are the impacts? (c & e)**
- ▣ **Could measures be improved? Or are there better alternatives? (b)**
- ▣ **How can we shield Art. 4.8 Parties from the impacts? (d & g)**
- ▣ **How do we deal with residual impacts?**

Taxonomy of measures, impacts

- Inward-focused measures: aiming to achieve changes in behaviour of implementing country citizens, producers.
e.g.: carbon taxes, conservation mandates, promotion of renewables, environmental education.
 - Income effects: measures reduce implementing country income, reducing demand for all goods from developing country exporters
 - Terms of trade effects: by promoting “green” goods, measures decrease demand for imports of GHG-intensive goods.
 - Positive effects: mitigation reduces climate-related impacts
- Outward-focused (trade-related) climate policies that directly penalize GHG-intensive imports.
e.g., border carbon adjustment; aviation and shipping levies; product carbon footprint labelling.

Ideas from other regimes

- ▣ **WTO Trade Policy Review Mechanism:** regular critical multilateral reviews of individual country policies; includes recommendations
- ▣ **WTO TBT Committee:** Committee in which members notify measures, others request consultations; highly effective
- ▣ **IPCC special reports:** in-depth analysis on specific issues (e.g., specific types of measures)

Reporting

- Reporting is the basic foundation of the Forum's discussion:
 - Describes the impacts of response measures as felt in practice
 - Describes the needs of those experiencing those impacts
 - Describes the measures being implemented to reduce those impacts
 - Feeds directly into the work programme

Reporting: The Forum's potential

- The status quo is problematic
- Without detailed guidance, Parties are left to interpret the obligations as they see appropriate.
- Clear need for agreement on reporting structure
- Good reporting feeds into the work programme.

Models for Reporting

Table 1: Summary of policies and measures by sector^a

Name of Policy or measure	Objective and/or activity affected	GHG affected	Type of instrument	Status	Implementing entity or entities	Estimate of mitigation impact by gas (not cumulative)		
						1995	2000	2005

^a *Separate tables shall be completed for each sector*

Source: FCCC/CP/1999/7, Part II: Reporting guidelines on national communications, Table 1.

Supplemented by narrative explanation on the costs of the measure, the non-GHG mitigation benefits, and how the measure interacts with other policies and measures at the national level.

Models for Reporting

Table 2: Description of selected projects or programmes that promoted practicable steps to facilitate and/or finance the transfer of, or access to, environmentally-sound technologies

Project/programme title:			
Purpose:			
Recipient Country	Sector	Total funding	Years in operation
Description:			
Indicate factors which led to project's success:			
Technology transferred:			
Impact on GHG emissions/sinks (optional):			

Source: FCCC/CP/1999/7, Part II: reporting guidelines on national communications, Table 6.

Supplemented textual information on steps taken to facilitate technology transfer and technology cooperation.

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