

**G77 AND CHINA PRESENTATION
ON AGENDA ITEM 7 OF SBSTA
AND AGENDA ITEM 11 OF SBI**

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Introduction

Agenda item 7 of the SBSTA and Agenda item 11 of the SBI: “Forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, with the objective of developing a work programme under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to address these impacts, with a view to adopting, at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties, modalities for the operationalization of the work programme and a possible forum on response measures” (footnote: Decision 1 .CP/16, par. 93)

INTRODUCTION

- Economic and social consequences of response measures is an important issue for all developing countries, as adverse impacts of response measures constitute an additional burden that developing countries should not have to bear.
- All developing countries face economic and social consequences of response measures (actual and potential).
- Response measures impact on developing countries in different ways

Introduction

- Responses to climate change should be coordinated with social and economic development in an integrated manner, with a view to avoiding adverse impacts on the latter, taking into full account the legitimate priority needs of developing countries for the achievement of sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty.

Framework

When dealing with social and economic consequences of response measures, there is a need to:

- respect the principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular articles relevant to this issue
- respect the Bali Action Plan
- implement Decision 1.CP/16, par. 93
- take duly into consideration the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties

Content and modalities for the work programme to address the impact of the implementation of response measures

Mandate for development of WP: “*Further decides to provide a forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, and to that end requests the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to convene such a forum at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of these bodies, with the objective of **developing a work programme under the subsidiary bodies to address these impacts**, with a view to adopting, at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties, modalities for the operationalization of the work programme and a possible forum on response measures” [\[1\]](#)*



[\[1\]](#) 1.CP/16, paragraph 93

a) Objective and scope of the work programme

- There is a need for a work programme to address the economic and social consequences of response measures taken by developed country Parties on developing country Parties.
- This work programme would:
- Give full consideration to what actions are necessary to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the impact of the implementation of response measures

a) Objective and scope of the work programme (Cont.)

- Promote understanding about the nature and magnitude of economic and social consequences for developing country Parties of different response measures taken by developed country Parties
- Gather and share information on what the potential magnitude of problem will be for planning purposes

a) Objective and scope of the work programme (Cont.)

- Assist developing country Parties in identifying and addressing the impact of response measures taken by developed country Parties, and share information on this specific matter
- Promote and cooperate on issues relating to response strategies and explore ways to minimize negative consequences for developing country Parties

(b) Activities and milestones of the work programme

- Discuss the negative economic and social consequences of response measures on developing country Parties, to assess the specific impacts of already implemented and planned RM on developing countries, taking into account their special circumstances and constraints.
- Identify ways and means to minimize those negative economic and social consequences

(b) Activities and milestones of the work programme (cont.)

- Discuss the consequences of trade-related response measures

“The Parties should cooperate to promote a supportive and open international economic system that would lead to sustainable economic growth and development in all Parties, particularly developing country Parties, thus enabling them better to address the problems of climate change. Measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade” (Article 3.5 of the UNFCCC)

(b) Activities and milestones of the work programme (cont.)

- Facilitate technical collaboration among Parties and experts on tools, including studies, modelling and methodologies, to assist developing country Parties in addressing economic and social consequences of response measures

(b) Activities and milestones of the work programme (cont.)

- Explore activities related to the following: “*Also urges developed country Parties to strive to implement policies and measures to respond to climate change in such a way as to avoid negative social and economic consequences for developing country Parties, taking into account Article 3 of the Convention, and to assist these Parties to address such consequences by providing support, including financial resources, transfer of technology and capacity-building, in accordance with Article 4 of the Convention, to build up the resilience of societies and economies negatively affected by response measures*”^[1] (activities to facilitate assistance, through technologies and capacity-building to strengthen resilience and foster economic diversification in developing countries).

^[1] 1.CP/16, paragraph 89

(c) Management of WP. Stakeholder engagement

- Invite inputs for the activities of the work programme from, inter alia,:
 - Parties
 - regional and international organizations
 - civil society
 - private sector
 - academia and
 - experts

(d) Review and possible further activities

- Review of ongoing and new WP activities, as appropriate.

(e) Links to the existing processes (e.g. national communications, a possible forum)

- The information presented in national communications on negative consequences of response measures (actual and potential) on developing country Parties could serve as a valuable input to the WP.
- The forum will implement the activities of the WP.

Content of and modalities for a possible forum on response measures

- Mandate: *“Further decides to provide a forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, and to that end requests the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to convene such a forum at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of these bodies, with the objective of developing a work programme under the subsidiary bodies to address these impacts, with a view to adopting, at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties, modalities for the operationalization of the work programme and a **possible forum on response measures**” [1].*
- [1] 1.CP/16, paragraph 93

a) Role, form, scope and functions of a possible forum

- The role of the possible forum would be:
- To give full consideration to what actions are necessary to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the impact of the implementation of response measures.
- To provide a platform for interactive and constructive discussion and direct exchange among Parties on consequences of response measures taken by developed country Parties on developing country Parties
- To implement the activities and objectives of the work programme described above.

(b) Organization of a possible forum

- Participation: Open to all Parties and international organizations, civil society, private sector, academia and experts in accordance with the UNFCCC practices and guidelines
- Duration: ongoing until completion of its work programme
- Frequency: Meetings twice a year, in conjunction with the Subsidiary Bodies

(c) Relationship with COP/SBs

- Report annually to the COP on its activities and progress
- Give recommendations to the COP on future work

(d) Links to existing processes

- The information presented in national communications on negative consequences of response measures (actual and potential) on developing country Parties could serve as a valuable input to the WP undertaken under the forum
- There would also be links to IPCC

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