

**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

- All developing countries face economic and social consequences of response measures (actual and potential)
- These response measures impact on developing countries in different ways
- There is a need 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

Why a forum?

There is a need to have a platform for discussion among Parties for a direct exchange of views on consequences of response measures taken by developed country Parties on developing country Parties in order to:

Why a forum? (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
- assist developing country Parties in identifying and addressing the impact of response measures taken by developed country Parties, sharing information, promoting and cooperating on issues relating to response strategies and exploring ways to minimize negative consequences, in particular in developing country Parties

FORUM ON THE IMPACT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RM

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

OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

- Share information, including that presented in national communications, on the economic and social consequences for developing country Parties of response measures (actual and potential) taken by developed country Parties
- Discuss the negative economic and social consequences of response measures on developing country Parties

OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS (CONT.)

- Identify ways and means to minimize those negative economic and social consequences
- 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

OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS (CONT.)

- Discuss the consequences of trade-related response measures

“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)

OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS (CONT.)

- *Par. 89, 1.CP/16*: “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”

MODALITIES AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

- Open to all Parties and to organizations and experts in accordance with the UNFCCC practices and guidelines
- Meetings twice a year, in conjunction with the Subsidiary Bodies
- Report annually to the COP on its activities and results
- Give recommendations to the COP on future work

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR ATTENTION!