



ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

Third meeting

4-6 March 2008
Bonn, Germany

Report on the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Mr. Sebastian Oberthür, chairperson of the enforcement branch, declared the meeting open. He thanked the members and alternate members for their support in his election as chairperson and congratulated Ms. Johanna G. S. De Wet on her election as vice-chairperson.
2. The chairperson recognized and thanked Mr. Raúl Estrada Oyuela, former chairperson, for his strong leadership of the branch during the very important work over the first two years of the Committee and Mr. Nuno Lacasta, former member, for his contributions to the work of the branch.
3. The chairperson welcomed Mr. Gerhard Loibl, alternate member, to the branch following his election at the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. He also welcomed the following individuals who attended the meeting on behalf of Greece: Mr. Stavros Kalogiannis, Deputy Minister for the Environment, Hellenic Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works; Mr. Ioannis Vournas, General Director for the Environment; Ms. Elpida Politi, UNFCCC Focal Point; Mr. Ioannis Ziomas, National Technical University of Athens; and Ms. Aggeliki Kallia, a lawyer. In addition, the chairperson welcomed the following experts invited by the branch to the meeting: Mr. William K. Agyemang-Bonsu, Mr. Paul Filliger, Mr. Teemu Oinonen and Ms. Tatiana Tugui.
4. At the request of the chairperson, the secretariat provided a brief summary of the proceedings to date. The secretariat confirmed that Greece did not request that any of the information it submitted not be made public, that no non-governmental organizations or intergovernmental organizations provided any information under section VIII, paragraph 4, of the Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol,¹ and that the secretariat did not receive any request to be registered as an observer. The secretariat also confirmed that the branch had a quorum for the meeting, that all members and alternate

¹ This and subsequent references to sections, as well as references to the procedures and mechanisms, refer to the annex to decision 27/CMP.1.



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members present had signed the Oath of Service, and that the meeting was being webcast live on the Internet.

2. Adoption of the agenda

5. The branch reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda.

3. Organization of work

6. The branch decided to organize its consideration of the question of implementation with respect to Greece (CC-2007-1/Greece/EB) in the following manner:

- (a) First, to receive expert advice on the report of the expert review team (ERT);
- (b) Secondly, to hold a hearing of the views of Greece, including any expert testimony it may wish to put forward; and
- (c) Finally, to elaborate and adopt a decision, with further expert advice and questions of Greece as required.

4. Advice from experts

7. Mr. Oinonen, one of the lead reviewers of the ERT that reviewed the initial report of Greece, introduced the report of the review of the initial report of Greece (FCCC/IRR/2007/GRC) and explained the initial review process.

8. Mr. Filliger, the national systems expert on the ERT, presented the ERT's findings in relation to the national system of Greece, provided his opinion on the written submission of Greece (CC-2007-1-5/Greece/EB) and offered his advice on potential further expert assessment. In the course of his presentation, Mr. Filliger made reference to correspondence between the ERT and Greece. Copies of the correspondence were made available to the branch, Greece and the experts.

9. In addition the branch considered advice from Mr. Agyemang-Bonsu and Ms. Tugui in relation to document FCCC/IRR/2007/GRC, as well as advice in relation to material presented by Greece in its written submission and during the hearing.

5. Hearing

10. Greece made presentations on its climate change policy and its implementation, including its national system, explaining improvements that it had made to the national greenhouse gas inventory system.

11. The branch noted that the six adjustments calculated to the emission estimates of seven categories in the energy sector and recommended by the ERT were deemed accepted by Greece in accordance with paragraph 80(e) of the annex to decision 22/CMP.1, Guidelines for



review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Greece indicated that it was aware that by not notifying the secretariat of its intention to accept the adjustments it would be considered to have accepted the adjustments and confirmed that it agreed with the adjustments.

6. Elaboration and adoption of decision

12. After the elaboration of a decision held in private in accordance with rule 9, paragraph 2, of the Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee,² the branch adopted a preliminary finding (CC-2007-1-6/Greece/EB).

13. The branch agreed to discuss, at its next meeting, the implications of a determination by the branch, in accordance with section XV, paragraph 4, that a Party included in Annex I does not meet the eligibility requirement under Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol to have in place a national system in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol and the requirements in the guidelines decided thereunder, taking into account paragraph 24 of the Guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol contained in the annex to decision 9/CMP.1.

14. The branch agreed that if Greece makes a further written submission on or before 8 April 2008, the branch will meet from 16 to 17 April 2008 to adopt a final decision. If Greece does not make a further written submission by 8 April 2008, the enforcement branch will adopt a final decision by electronic means forthwith.

15. The chairperson invited the branch to look back at the experience of the branch's consideration of its first question of implementation at a future meeting and reflect on what improvements can be made to subsequent consideration of other questions of implementation, including with respect to transparency.

7. Other matters

16. The branch requested the secretariat to forward a presentation on outlook for reporting and review activities under the Kyoto Protocol in 2008 to the members and alternate members of the branch and to include a presentation on this subject in the agenda of the next meeting of the branch, as required.

8. Closure of the meeting

17. The chairperson of the branch declared the meeting closed.

² Contained in the annex to decision 4/CMP.2.



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9. Attendance

18. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are bolded below.

Members (in alphabetical order)	Alternate Members
1. ABDULLA, Amjad Mr.	MACE , Mary Jane Ms. ⁺⁺
2. DE WET , Johanna G. Susanna Ms.	AMOUGOU, Joseph Armathé Mr.
3. ESTRADA OYUELA , Raúl Mr.*	ITURREGUI BYRNE , Patricia Ms. ⁺⁺⁺
4. LEFEBER , René Mr.	LOIBL, Gerhard
5. MICHEL , Stephan Mr.	JACOBSEN, Kirsten Ms.
6. NAMANYA , Bernard Mr.*	RAMOTHWA , Gladys Ms.
7. OBERTHÜR , Sebastian Mr.	KUOKKANEN , Tuomas Mr.
8. RAJABOV , Ilhomjon Mr.	NISHAT , Ainun Mr.
9. SHAMANOV , Oleg Mr.	TARASENKO , Vladimir Mr.
10. SU, Wei Mr.	ALAM, Mohammad Mr.

⁺⁺ Served as member.

* Mr. Estrada was absent on 6 March 2008.

⁺⁺⁺ Served as member upon the departure of Mr. Estrada.

* Mr. Namanya was absent in the morning of 4 March 2008.