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**Other matters**

**Any other matters**

## **Issues relating to the implementation of decision 1/CP.10**

### **Submissions from Parties**

1. In concluding a discussion, at the twenty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), relating to the implementation of decision 1/CP.10, the Chair of the SBI invited Parties to provide written submissions on this matter.
2. Such submissions were provided by three delegations. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, these submissions are reproduced\* in the language in which they were received and without formal editing.

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PAPER NO. 1: AUSTRALIA

**Modelling and economic diversification**

Australia recognises the importance of the issues included in article 4.8 of the Convention and recalls decision 1.CP/10.

Paragraph 16 (a) and (b) of 1.CP/10 provided clear terms of reference for the two pre-sessional experts meeting relating to modelling and economic diversification.

Australia notes that the impact of response measures relates to all fossil fuels. This should be appropriately reflected in the organization of the workshop in 16 (a).

1.CP/10 provided that the outcome of the workshops in paragraph 16 would be reported to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twenty-fifth session (November 2005), to consider what further actions may be required by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session.

Australia looks forward to a Chairman's report on the outcome of the workshop in 16 (a) at the twenty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. As workshop participation will be necessarily limited and given the agreed terms of reference, it is understood that the workshop report will not provide an automatic basis for further work by Parties.

Given the clear time frame laid down in 1.CP/10 regarding reporting, Australia would not support article 4.8 being placed on the agenda for COP11/COP/MOP-1.

PAPER NO. 2: LUXEMBOURG ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES, SUPPORTED BY BULGARIA, ROMANIA AND CROATIA

**Modelling and economic diversification**

The European Union underlines its commitment to the implementation of Article 4.8 of the Convention, Decision 5/CP.7 and the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures as set out in Decision 1/CP.10.

Decision 1/CP.10 requests the secretariat to organise two pre-sessional expert meetings in conjunction with sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. The terms of reference of the first pre-sessional expert meeting, to be held in conjunction with the twenty-third session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (November–December 2005), are clearly identified in that Decision. Its paragraph 16 requests that meeting to consider the outcomes of the workshops held in response to decision 5/CP.7, paragraphs 33 and 35, and exchange information on tools and methodologies to achieve resilience to possible impacts of response measures, including the assessment of the role of financial risk management strategies, as well as modelling for socio-economic impacts.

Paragraph 17 of decision 1/CP.10 also specifies that the outcome of this meeting is to be reported to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twenty-fifth session (November 2006), to consider any further actions that may be required by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session.

The EU requests the secretariat to ensure a balanced participation at the pre-sessional expert meeting, taking into account the budget available for the meeting.

The EU looks forward to participating in the meeting and receiving the report of the meeting.

PAPER NO. 3: SAUDI ARABIA

**Terms of Reference for the pre-session expert meeting on modeling and insurance identified in paragraph 16(a) of 1/CP.10**

Decision 1/CP.10 incorporates a number of workshops and expert meetings. It is important that all workshops and expert meetings receive full resource allocation from the UNFCCC without selectivity. All workshops and expert meetings must be held within the dates specified in the decision without any delays.

Let me now focus on the pre-session expert meeting on modeling and insurance identified in paragraph 16(a) of 1/CP.10 that is scheduled to be held before the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of SBI.

The agenda, terms of reference, and programme for the expert meeting should be prepared by the secretariat after seeking views from experts, with specific emphasis on views from the impacted regions which the expert meeting addresses. Experts from regions impacted by the issues discussed in the meetings must be involved in organizing and running the meeting, in addition to the preparation of outcome report. The outcome report should provide detailed information to the Conference of Parties on specific recommendations for further actions.

The expert meeting on modeling and insurance must have experts from the subject areas. The meeting should be two days, each day comprising of two sessions. The program of work for the meeting shall cover and includes elements as follows:

Day 1, Session 1:

Tools and methodologies to achieve resilience to possible impacts of response measures

- a) The outcome of the workshop on insurance,
- b) Identify and recommend possible means to further develop methodologies to assess vulnerability and impact of response measures.
- c) Identify existing, and recommend necessary additional tools and methodologies to achieve resilience to possible impacts of response measures.
- d) Possible collaboration between the climate change community, government programmes and private insurance sectors;
- e) Ways to enhance Private-public partnerships linking insurance mechanisms and risk-reduction mechanisms;
- f) Means to engage the private sector in the development of alternative risk transfer mechanisms;

Day 1, Session 2

The Role of Financial risk management strategies

- g) Ways to build capacity, at the national level, for risk management, risk financing and risk transfer to better manage the impacts of the implementation of response measures;
- h) The introduction of international stabilizing funds as a tool to reduce the impact of response measures on countries who's economies are dependent on the production and export of fossil fuels,

Day 2, Session 1,  
Modeling for socio-economic impacts

- a) Assessment of the status of modeling activities to address the impact of response measures
- b) Recommendations for further development of models to examine vulnerability and assess the impacts of response measures
- c) Recommendations for the dissemination of existing models and modelling tools to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, and ensuring increased collaboration in modelling activities on an ongoing basis;
- d) Recommendations on how achieve pilot programs to undertake socio-economic assessments of response measures.
- e) Capacity building for the utilization of models and modeling tools to assess the impact of response measures

Day 2, Session 2  
Outcome of workshop on modeling and further requirements

- f) The outcome of the workshop on modelling activities, and the discussion of the first session as highlighted above
- g) Development, as a high priority and in collaboration with international organizations, of methodologies to assess the impacts on developing countries of policies already implemented by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention by expanding coverage of current models for evaluating the adverse effects of climate and the impact of the implementation of response measures;
- h) Coordination with the scientific research community, including the IPCC, to improve the quality of models, in particular those that assess the impact of response measures on developing countries, with a view to fully addressing this issue in the 4<sup>th</sup> IPCC assessment report.

Saudi Arabia looks forward to a very constructive expert meeting and we look forward to see an agenda item under the upcoming session of SBI (23<sup>rd</sup>) on the progress of implementation of decision 1/CP10 in order to continue our discussion of this important decision with particular emphasis on the developments in the expert meetings and workshops.

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