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Views on options and proposals for addressing definitions, modalities, rules and guidelines for the treatment of land use, land-use change and forestry

Submissions from Parties

Addendum

1. In addition to the 17 submissions contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/MISC.11, one further submission has been received on 8 May 2009.

2. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, this submission is attached and reproduced^{*} in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

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SUBMISSION FROM CHILE

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A Submission to the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP)

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Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry

During the seventh session of the AWG-KP draft conclusions were adopted regarding the need to continue deliberations on how to address, where applicable, the definitions, modalities, rules, and guidelines for the treatment of land use, land-use change and forestry (FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/L.3). In particular, Parties were invited to submit, by 24 April 2009, their views on the annex of the draft conclusions for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document for facilitating the deliberations at its eighth session (June 2009). In this context, Chile has prepared this submission regarding the elements of Option 1 of the annex.

A. <u>Definitions</u>

(f) "Forest Management": If human induced decrease in carbon stocks and/or increases in greenhouse gas emissions on forested land shall be included, then increases in carbon stocks and/or decreases in greenhouse gas emissions on forested land should also be included.

(h ter) "Planted production forest": It is not necessary to restrict the criteria for defining a planted production forest, except that it was established by direct human-induced conversion of non-forest land to forest land. Therefore, we propose the following definition: "The planted production forest shall have been established by direct human-induced conversion of non-forest land to forest land by the planting and/or seeding provisions of an afforestation or reforestation activity."

(h nov) "Harvested wood product management": As a system of practices it is not necessary to consider if the storage of carbon stocks occurs in the short term or long term, neither to limit the storage to the country of origin of the forest products. Therefore, we propose the following definition: "A system of practices that result in the storage of carbon stocks in harvested wood products."

(h oct) "Harvested wood products" & (h onc) "Non Annex I wood products": Since fuel wood and other fuel types such as oil, alcohols and hydrocarbons derived from forest products a very short-lived, they should not be considered as harvested wood products that can retain carbon sequestered over time, and therefore do not need to be included in the lists.

B. Article 3, Paragraph 3

(3 bis) It is not necessary to restrict the "planted production forests" to be established before 1 January 1990 in order to be eligible to be replaced by an "equivalent forest", since it may be economically convenient and environmentally suitable to replace production forests planted after that date. Therefore, we propose the following definition: "<u>In the case of planted</u> production forests, conversion of forest land to non-forest land shall be considered harvesting, and shall not be considered deforestation, where an equivalent forest is established elsewhere on non-forest land that would have qualified for afforestation or reforestation. "Equivalent forests" shall not be included in a Party's assessment of emissions and removals from afforestation and reforestation activities and must be included in a Party's accounting of Forest Management under Article 3.4, if elected."

C. Article 3, Paragraph 4

(8) For a proper continuity of the accounting of emissions by sources and removals by sinks all the activities selected by a Party for the first commitment period should be compulsory for the second commitment period.

D. Article 12

(13 ter) This option unnecessarily restricts the eligible land under Article 12. As an example, consider the case of a forest that was harvested long time ago and later abandoned turning into "natural" grassland: its best sustainable use may be to convert the currently non forest land into forest land. We consider that option 13 bis is adequate.

E. General

With regards to harvested wood products:

(21 ter) [Option 1] represents a proper improvement to the current accounting of emissions from harvested wood products: it is simple to implement and consistent with how the emissions actually reach the atmosphere. We consider that [Option 2] represents an overly restrictive and convoluted approach not directly linked to how the emissions reach the atmosphere.
