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Agenda item 3 (a–e)

Enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012, by addressing, inter alia:

A shared vision for long-term cooperative action

Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change

Enhanced action on adaptation

Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation

Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation

Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

Draft decision -/CP.15

Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change: economic and social consequences of response measures

The Conference of the Parties,

[*Reaffirming* the importance of the objective, principles and provisions of the Convention [,in particular its Article 2, Article 3, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Article 4, paragraphs 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10, as well as paragraph 1 (b) (vi) of the Bali Action Plan, adopted as decision 1/CP.13 by the Conference of the Parties [in the context of sustainable development]],]

[*Recognizing* that economic and social consequences may result from response measures taken by any Party,]

[[*Recognizing* the broad nature of the impact of response measures, particularly on developing country Parties,] and that negative economic and social consequences of response measures can

adversely affect all Parties [, in particular the poorest and most vulnerable developing country Parties that are the least capable of addressing these negative consequences, taking into account vulnerable groups, such as women and children],[especially developing country Parties, and in particular those whose economies are dependent on fossil fuel production, use and exportation, tourism and the exportation of agricultural and energy-intensive products, and trade dependent on international transport,]]

[*Affirming* that sustainable development is essential for adopting measures to address climate change and that there is a need to ensure that response measures do not undermine the achievement of economic and social development, taking into account the special needs of developing countries and the consequences for women and children,]

[*Recognizing* that action on the adverse effects of climate change is a priority, and that response measures in this regard may result in negative economic and social consequences for Parties, in particular developing country Parties as referred to above,]

[*Recognizing* that the efforts to avoid or minimize negative impact of response measures should not constrain or hinder progress in addressing climate change,]

[*Affirming* that 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 fully into account the legitimate priority needs of developing country Parties for the achievement of sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty,]

[*Recognizing* the importance of avoiding and minimizing negative impacts of response measures on social and economic sectors, promoting [an effective][a gradual] and just transition in the most affected sectors, the creation of decent work and quality jobs, and contributing to building new capacities for both production- and service-related jobs,]

[*Emphasizing* that the issue of adaptation to the adverse impacts of climate change is a separate issue and one to be addressed under the adaptation building block of the Bali Action Plan, while the discrete issue of the impacts of response measures is to be addressed under enhanced action on mitigation under the mitigation building block of the Bali Action Plan,]

[*Noting* the need for developed country Parties to compensate the economies of African and least developed countries, for environmental, social and economic losses arising from the implementation of climate change response measures in the context of environmental justice and environmental refugees,]

1.

Alternative 1

[*Urges* developed country Parties to strive to implement policies and measures to respond to climate change in such a way as to avoid [and minimize] negative social and economic consequences for developing country Parties, taking fully into account Article 3 of the Convention;

Also urges developed country Parties, in order to assist developing country Parties in addressing negative social and economic consequences, to provide financial resources, including for access to and development and transfer of technology, at agreed full incremental costs in accordance with its Article 4, paragraphs 3, 5 and 7, of the Convention, and promote and facilitate the transfer of and access to environmentally sound technologies and know-how to other Parties, particularly developing country Parties to enable them to implement the provisions of the Convention;]

Alternative 2

[*Urges* Parties, in the implementation of measures to mitigate climate change, to take into consideration the economic and social impacts of response measures;]

Alternative 3

[*Urges* that, in the implementation of measures to mitigate climate change[, Parties, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities and their specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances, should take into consideration the economic and social impacts of response measures;]]

[*Also urges* [Parties, in particular] developed country Parties, taking into account the principles mentioned above, to strive to implement policies and measures to respond to climate change in such a way as to avoid [and minimize] negative social and economic consequences for developing country Parties, taking fully into account Article 3 of the Convention;]

2.

Alternative 1

[*Recalling* the principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular Articles 3, paragraphs 1, 4 and 5, Article 4, paragraphs 3 and 7, [*verb*] that the developed country Parties shall not resort to any form of unilateral measures, including fiscal and non-fiscal border trade measures, against goods and services from the developing country Parties on any grounds related to climate change, including protection and stabilization of climate, emissions leakage, and/or cost of environment compliance;]

Alternative 2

[*Urges* Parties to take into account the principles of the Convention including its Article 3, paragraph 5, in relation to the economic and social consequences of response measures;]

Alternative 3

[Taking into account the relevant provisions of the Convention and further recognizing the principle enshrined in Article 3, paragraph 5, *agrees* that Parties in the pursuit of the objective and implementation of the Convention, shall not resort to any measures, in particular unilateral fiscal or non-fiscal measures applied on the border, against goods and services imported from Parties, that constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustified discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade;]

3. *Agrees* that information relating to response measures should be considered in a structured manner in order to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(g) and (h), of the Convention, recognizing the needs of developing country Parties identified in Article 4, paragraphs 8, 9 and 10;

4.

Alternative 1

[*Decides* to establish a forum to undertake activities including identifying and addressing negative economic and social consequences of response measures of developed country Parties, sharing information, including that provided in national communications as [considered by][reviewed under] the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), promoting and cooperating on issues relating to response strategies and exploring ways to minimize negative consequences, in particular in developing country Parties;

Invites Parties and relevant intergovernmental organizations to submit to the secretariat, by xx, their views on issues related to paragraph xx above for consideration by the Parties by xx before xx the sixteenth session of the COP;

Requests the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document for consideration at xxx;

Agrees to adopt, at the sixteenth session of the COP, modalities for the operationalization of the forum, defining its mandate, nature, scope, composition, functions, related support, reporting and evaluation, and any other related matters];

Alternative 2

[*Decides* that Parties should cooperate fully to enhance understanding of economic and social consequences of response measures, taking into account the need for information from those affected, and evidence of actual impacts, and of [both positive and] negative effects, [in particular in developing country Parties] and further decides to consider how existing channels, such as national communications including the possibility of submitting supplementary information [, as reviewed] under the SBI, could serve as a platform for discussions on the information provided by Parties.]

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