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1. On 3 October 2011, the secretariat received a submission from a group of Parties. The secretariat was requested to issue a conference room paper containing this submission.
2. This submission is attached and reproduced¹ in the language in which it was received and without formal editing. The submission has also been posted on the UNFCCC website.²

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The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the commitments under the Convention, in particular Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9,

Reaffirming the objective, principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular its Article 2, Article 3, paragraphs 1, 2, and 5, and Article 4, paragraphs 1(c), 3, and 7,

Taking into consideration the historical responsibilities of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in their contribution to climate change,

Affirming that cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions shall not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade, more specifically on the trade from developing country Parties,

Reaffirming that food security is important and should not be compromised by sectoral approaches and sector specific actions,

Affirming that cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions shall not limit the ability of developing country Parties to pursue economic and social development and poverty eradication, and, to that end, that it is essential that cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions are undertaken in a manner that is supportive of an open international economic system,

Reiterating the importance of promoting and enhancing cooperative action on the development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing country Parties now, up to and beyond 2012, in order to achieve the objective of the Convention,

1. Decides that cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions shall enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c), of the Convention, in accordance with the Bali Action Plan.
2. Also decides that cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions shall be consistent with the provisions and principles of the Convention, in particular the principle of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities, Article 4, paragraph 7, and the promotion of a supportive and open international economic system.
3. *Further decides* that cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions shall take fully into account differences in geographic, economic and social conditions and specific national development priorities and circumstances, in particular of developing country Parties, in accordance with equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and in the light of the fact that economic

and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing country Parties.

4. *Agrees* that cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions shall not lead to new commitments for developing country Parties, nor create barriers and distortions in international trade, in particular for the exports of developing country Parties.
