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## Draft decision -/CP.21

### **Further guidance on ensuring transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness when informing on how all the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 1/CP.16, 12/CP.17, 9/CP.19, 11/CP.19 and 12/CP.19,

*Noting* that the implementation of the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, and the information provided on how these safeguards are being addressed and respected should take into account national circumstances and respective capabilities and recognize national sovereignty and legislation and relevant international obligations and agreements,

*Recalling* the importance and necessity of adequate and predictable financial and technical support for developing all of the elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71,

*Recalling also* that the monitoring and reporting of emissions displacement at the national level is agreed separately in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71(c),

1. *Reiterates* that, in accordance with decision 12/CP.17, paragraphs 1 and 3, developing country Parties undertaking the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, should provide a summary of information on how all of the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of those activities;
2. *Also reiterates* that the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above should be provided periodically, in accordance with decisions 12/CP.17 and 12/CP.19;
3. *Notes* that information on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected should be provided in a way that ensures transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness;
4. *Decides* that developing country Parties should provide information on which activity or activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, are included in the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above, taking into account decision 12/CP.17, paragraphs 1 and 3, and decision 9/CP.19, paragraph 4;
5. *Strongly encourages* developing country Parties, when providing the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above, to include the following elements, where appropriate:
  - (a) Information on national circumstances relevant to addressing and respecting the safeguards;
  - (b) A description of each safeguard in accordance with national circumstances;
  - (c) A description of existing systems and processes relevant to addressing and respecting safeguards, including the information systems referred to in decision 12/CP.17, in accordance with national circumstances;
  - (d) Information on how each of the safeguards has been addressed and respected, in accordance with national circumstances;

6. *Encourages* developing country Parties to provide any other relevant information on the safeguards in the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above;
7. *Also encourages* developing country Parties to improve the information provided in the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above taking into account the stepwise approach;
8. *Decides* that there is no need for further guidance pursuant to decision 12/CP.17, paragraph 6, to ensure transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness when informing on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected.

## Draft decision -/CP.21

### **Alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 2/CP.17, paragraph 67, and 1/CP.18, paragraph 39,

1. *Notes* that methodological aspects related to non-market-based approaches as referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 39, have been addressed by decisions 9/CP.19 to 15/CP.19;
2. *Also notes* the references to alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, as referred to in decision 9/CP.19, and the need to provide clarity on such approaches as per this decision;
3. *Acknowledges* that alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, are subject to the methodological guidance contained in decision 4/CP.15, paragraph 1, as well as the guidance on safeguards and on systems for providing information on how the safeguards are being addressed and respected when addressing issues related to the reduction of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks;
4. *Recognizes* that alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, are one of the alternatives to results-based payments, as referred to in decision 9/CP.19, that may contribute to the long-term sustainability of the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70;
5. *Decides* that developing country Parties seeking to receive support for the design and implementation of alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, may consider the following elements:
  - (a) Development of national strategies or action plans for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, in order to support the integral and sustainable management of forests;
  - (b) Identification of support needs, including financial resources and technical and technological support;
  - (c) Development of proposals demonstrating how alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, are contributing to the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70;
  - (d) Consideration of outcomes and areas of improvement in accordance with national circumstances by using adaptive management and learning, as appropriate;
6. *Notes* that the financing entities referred to in decision 9/CP.19, paragraph 5, are encouraged to continue to provide financial resources, including through the wide variety of sources referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 65, for alternative policy approaches,

such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests;

7. *Invites* Parties that want to implement alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, to support the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, to share information via the web platform on the UNFCCC website;<sup>1</sup>

8. *Decides* to conclude its consideration of alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, in the context of decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 39.

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<sup>1</sup> <<http://unfccc.int/4531>>.

## Draft decision -/CP.21

### **Methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 1/CP.16, 1/CP.18 and 9/CP.19, paragraph 22,

*Reaffirming* the importance of incentivizing non-carbon benefits for the long-term sustainability of the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, recognized in decision 9/CP.19, paragraph 22,

*Recognizing* that multiple non-carbon benefits associated with the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, can contribute to adaptation,

1. *Recognizes* that non-carbon benefits associated with the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, are unique to countries' national circumstances, in accordance with national sovereignty, legislation, policies and priorities;
2. *Also recognizes* that, in line with their national circumstances and capabilities, developing country Parties seeking support for the integration of non-carbon benefits into activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, with a view to contributing to the long-term sustainability of those activities, may provide information addressing, inter alia, the nature, scale and importance of the non-carbon benefits;
3. *Encourages* developing country Parties to share the information referred to in paragraph 2 above via the web platform on the UNFCCC website;<sup>1</sup>
4. *Invites* interested developing country Parties to communicate the information referred to in paragraph 2 above for consideration by interested Parties and relevant financing entities, as appropriate;
5. *Decides* that methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, do not constitute a requirement for developing country Parties seeking to receive support for the implementation of the actions and activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16 or results-based payments pursuant to decision 9/CP.19;
6. *Agrees* to conclude at this session the work on methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70.

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