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**REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS  
AND OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION**

**CAPACITY-BUILDING**

**Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the  
Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

At their eleventh sessions, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation decided to recommend jointly the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session:

**Draft decision /CP.5**

**Capacity-building in countries with economies in transition**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* Articles 4.1, 4.5, 4.6 and 6 of the Convention,

*Recalling* further the provisions relating to capacity-building for countries with economies in transition contained in decisions 6/CP.4, 7/CP.4 and 14/CP.4,

*Affirming* that capacity-building is critical to the effective participation of countries with economies in transition in the Convention and Kyoto Protocol processes and must be comprehensively addressed,

*Underlining* that capacity-building for countries with economies in transition must be country-driven, reflecting their national initiatives and priorities, and that it is primarily to be undertaken by countries with economies in transition and in countries with economies in

transition in partnership with Annex II Parties, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention,

*Emphasizing* that capacity-building is a continuous process aimed at strengthening or establishing, as appropriate, relevant organizations, institutions and human resources in order to provide expertise in all areas relating to the implementation of the Convention,

*Emphasizing further* that an integrated approach should recognize the responsibility of individual Parties to promote conditions that are conducive to the development of human, institutional and technical capacity, and that every effort should be made to improve the coordination and effectiveness of existing efforts and promote participation of a wide range of actors and constituencies, including governments at all levels, international organizations, civil society and the private sector,

*Emphasizing also* the importance of creating an enabling environment for investment, which promotes capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition,

1. *Decides:*

(a) That financial and technical support for capacity-building for countries with economies in transition for implementing the Convention and to prepare for participation in activities under Articles 5, 6, 7 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol, should be provided through bilateral and multilateral channels and the private sector, as appropriate;

(b) That existing capacity-building activities and programmes should be comprehensively assessed to determine their effectiveness and to identify gaps and weaknesses in ongoing efforts, and that the specific needs of Parties with economies in transition should be further elaborated in accordance with this decision, so as to take a comprehensive decision at its sixth session;

2. *Invites* Parties included in Annex I but not included in Annex II to the Convention to identify their needs and priorities for capacity-building, by 1 March 2000;

3. *Requests* the secretariat:

(a) To compile and synthesize the information submitted in accordance with paragraph 2 of this decision for consideration at the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies;

(b) To develop in accordance with this decision, in close consultation with Parties at the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, based on the information compiled and synthesized,

elements of a draft framework for capacity-building activities, including elements related to capacity-building emerging from discussions of other issues under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their thirteenth sessions.