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REPORTS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND DECISIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ARISING THEREFROM

REPORT OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

Draft decision -/CP.8

Work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 11/CP.1, 2/CP.7, 3/CP.7, 4/CP.7, 5/CP.7 and 6/CP.7,

Recalling further Agenda 21 and relevant reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,

Recognizing the importance of Article 6 in engaging all stakeholders and major groups in the development and implementation of policies related to climate change, consistent with sustainable development goals,

Recognizing also the need to establish a country-driven work programme that enhances cooperation, coordination and exchange of information among governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations, as well as the private and public sectors,

Recognizing further the need for adequate financial and technical resources to ensure effective implementation of activities under Article 6, and for strengthening or establishing, as appropriate, national climate change secretariats or national focal points, particularly in developing country Parties,

Having considered the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its seventeenth session,

1. *Adopts* the five-year work programme on Article 6 contained in the annex^{*} to this decision;

2. *Decides* to undertake a review of the work programme in 2007, with an intermediate review of progress in 2004, to evaluate its effectiveness;

3. *Requests* Parties to prepare reports (within their national communications, where possible) on their efforts to implement the work programme for the purpose of reviewing the programme in 2004 and 2007;

4. *Encourages* intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue their activities relevant to Article 6 and invites them to develop programmatic responses to the five-year work programme;

5. *Encourages also* Parties to make full use of the existing opportunities provided by the Global Environment Facility, as an entity operating the financial mechanism of the Convention, in particular in accordance with decision 6/CP.7, paragraph $1(h)^{1}$ and decisions 2/CP.7 and 3/CP.7, or in the context of national communications, as well as the opportunities provided by other multilateral and bilateral sources of funding;

6. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to provide financial resources to Parties not included in Annex I (non-Annex I Parties), in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, in accordance with decisions 11/CP.1 and 6/CP.7, to support the implementation of the work programme;

7. *Encourages further* multilateral and bilateral organizations to support the activities related to the implementation of Article 6 and its work programme, as well as relevant capacity-building activities in non-Annex I Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them.

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^{*} For the text of the annex, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.23/Add.1, pp. 3-7.

¹ Decision 6/CP.7 paragraph 1(h), states:

[&]quot;1. *Decides* that, in accordance with Articles 4.3, 4.5 and 11.1 of the Convention, the GEF, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, should provide financial resources to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, for the following activities, including those identified in paragraph 7 of decision 5/CP.7:

⁽h) Undertaking more in-depth public awareness and education activities and community involvement and participation in climate change issues".