

# Item (a) of the Forum's Work Programme

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Implementation of Response Measures  
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**“Sharing of information and expertise, including reporting and promoting understanding of positive and negative impacts of response measures”**

***Central to the Forum’s mandate and purpose. The work programme’s objective is (as per 8/CP.17):***

**“ ... improving the understanding of the impact of the implementation of response measures.”**

# The basic tasks of the Forum

- ▣ **What measures are being taken? (a & h)**
- ▣ **Which ones are a priority? (a & h)**
- ▣ **What are the impacts? (c & e)**
- ▣ **Could measures be improved? Or are there better alternatives? (b)**
- ▣ **How can we shield Art. 4.8 Parties from the impacts? (d & g)**
- ▣ **How do we deal with residual impacts?**

# Taxonomy of measures, impacts

- Inward-focused measures: aiming to achieve changes in behaviour of implementing country citizens, producers.  
*e.g.: carbon taxes, conservation mandates, promotion of renewables, environmental education.*
  - Income effects: measures reduce implementing country income, reducing demand for all goods from developing country exporters
  - Terms of trade effects: by promoting “green” goods, measures decrease demand for imports of GHG-intensive goods.
  - Positive effects: mitigation reduces climate-related impacts
- Outward-focused (trade-related) climate policies that directly penalize GHG-intensive imports.  
*e.g., border carbon adjustment; aviation and shipping levies; product carbon footprint labelling.*

# Ideas from other regimes

- ▣ **WTO Trade Policy Review Mechanism:** regular critical multilateral reviews of individual country policies; includes recommendations
- ▣ **WTO TBT Committee:** Committee in which members notify measures, others request consultations; highly effective
- ▣ **IPCC special reports:** in-depth analysis on specific issues (e.g., specific types of measures)

# Reporting

- Reporting is the basic foundation of the Forum's discussion:
  - Describes the impacts of response measures as felt in practice
  - Describes the needs of those experiencing those impacts
  - Describes the measures being implemented to reduce those impacts
  - Feeds directly into the work programme

# Reporting: The Forum's potential

- The status quo is problematic
- Without detailed guidance, Parties are left to interpret the obligations as they see appropriate.
- Clear need for agreement on reporting structure
- Good reporting feeds into the work programme.

# Models for Reporting

**Table 1: Summary of policies and measures by sector<sup>a</sup>**

Name of Policy or measure	Objective and/or activity affected	GHG affected	Type of instrument	Status	Implementing entity or entities	Estimate of mitigation impact by gas (not cumulative)		
						1995	2000	2005

<sup>a</sup> *Separate tables shall be completed for each sector*

*Source: FCCC/CP/1999/7, Part II: Reporting guidelines on national communications, Table 1.*

Supplemented by narrative explanation on the costs of the measure, the non-GHG mitigation benefits, and how the measure interacts with other policies and measures at the national level.

# Models for Reporting

**Table 2: Description of selected projects or programmes that promoted practicable steps to facilitate and/or finance the transfer of, or access to, environmentally-sound technologies**

<b>Project/programme title:</b>			
<b>Purpose:</b>			
<b>Recipient Country</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Total funding</b>	<b>Years in operation</b>
<b>Description:</b>			
<b>Indicate factors which led to project's success:</b>			
<b>Technology transferred:</b>			
<b>Impact on GHG emissions/sinks (optional):</b>			

*Source: FCCC/CP/1999/7, Part II: reporting guidelines on national communications, Table 6.*

Supplemented textual information on steps taken to facilitate technology transfer and technology cooperation.

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