

**G77 AND CHINA PRESENTATION:
FORUM ON THE IMPACT OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF
RESPONSE MEASURES**

Views of the G77 and China on Area A

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Introduction

Decision 8. CP.17: Area A: Sharing of information and expertise, including reporting and promoting understanding of positive and negative impacts of response measures

This workshop will help us to give full consideration to what actions are necessary to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the impact of the implementation of response measures, in a context in which:

- all developing countries face economic and social consequences of response measures (actual and potential) in different ways
- research on the impact of response measures is a new field

Why is area a) important?

- Promote understanding about the nature and magnitude of economic and social consequences for developing country Parties of different response measures taken by developed country Parties
- Assist developing country Parties in identifying and addressing the impact of response measures taken by developed country Parties, sharing information, promoting and cooperating on issues relating to response strategies and exploring ways to minimize negative consequences, in particular in developing country Parties
- Discuss the negative economic and social consequences of response measures on developing country Parties

Why is area a) important (Cted.)

- Facilitate technical collaboration among Parties and experts on tools, including studies, modelling and methodologies, to assist developing country Parties in addressing economic and social consequences of response measures
- Discuss the consequences of trade- related response measures:
 - “ The Parties should cooperate to promote a supportive and open international economic system that would lead to sustainable economic growth and development in all Parties, particularly developing country Parties, thus enabling them better to address the problems of climate change. Measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade” (Article 3.5 of the UNFCCC)

Why is area a) important? (Cted.)

- Discussing climate policies in a manner that avoids and minimizes negative impacts and enhances positive impacts on developing countries, taking into account national circumstances
- Identifying, quantifying and considering means to address the adverse impacts of measures taken to mitigate climate change on developing country Parties
- Providing support for the integration of economic diversification into sustainable development strategies and for facilitating efforts to achieve economic diversification in developing countries

Lack of clear reporting guidelines

- In their national communications, 11 out of 25 Annex I Parties effectively reported nothing (NC Survey 2006, Cosbey. A., 2011)
- Of those that reported, some reported purely domestic efforts as technology cooperation, and others only described their measures

Lack of clear reporting guidelines

There is a lack of reporting guidelines for Annex I Parties on how they “...shall strive to implement policies and measures in such a way as to minimize adverse effects on developing country Parties...”, for example in terms of including the following:

- Consideration if the special economic and social conditions of developing countries were taken into account in the design and implementation
- Information about consultation to potentially affected developing country Parties
- Inclusion of scientific basis of the measure, and an assessment if it is the most effective means to achieve the objective of combating climate change
- Information about specific support to developing countries in relation to the measure, in terms of transfer of technology, financial resources and capacity building

Final considerations (1)

As a general framework, when dealing with social and economic consequences of response measures, there is a need to:

- observe the guiding principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities
- observe relevant Convention articles 3.5, 4.8 and 4.9 and articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the KP
- bear in mind that the UNFCCC discusses the economic and social impacts of response measures, including unilateral ones
- take duly into consideration the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties

Final considerations (2)

This area of work is an opportunity to enhance the understanding on negative economic and social consequences of response measures on developing countries and in order to address both the economic and social dimensions of the issue.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR ATTENTION!