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Subject: Carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as clean development mechanism project activities (SBSTA) – Submission on the eligibility of transboundary projects

1. Introduction

1. At COP/MOP 7 in Durban, draft Decision -/CMP.7 invited Parties to make submissions to the secretariat, by 5 March 2012, on views regarding the eligibility of projects under paragraph 4.(a) of this decision (transport, transboundary), including a possible dispute mechanism, and for the establishment of a global reserve of CERs, referred in paragraph 4.(b) of this decision, with the view of forwarding a draft-decision for consideration by CMP 8.

The EU welcomes the opportunity to submit its views regarding the eligibility of projects under paragraph 4.(a) and looks forward to discussions at SBSTA 36 and COP/MOP 8.

2. General Comments

2. In cases of CCS project which involve the transport of CO₂ from one country to another or which involve storage sites that are located in more than one country, the project shall only be eligible under the CDM as long as there is clear assignment of responsibilities and liabilities, and effectual accounting for emission reductions and any seepage according to solutions for reporting of cross border CCS projects put forward in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines; notwithstanding that the objective should be to avoid any seepage (in accordance with the modalities and procedures for CCS in the CDM), and hence the enforcement of respective responsibilities and liabilities can be ensured for each phase of the CCS project.