

## **SUBMISSION BY NORWAY ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS 2/CMP.7 TO 4/CMP.7, AS WELL AS THOSE OF DECISION -/CMP.8, ON THE RELEVANT DECISIONS UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL, AND ANY SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTING TABLES UNDER ARTICLES 3.3 AND 3.4**

Norway welcomes the conclusion of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, and the adoption of the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol. Norway appreciates the opportunity to submit views on the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 4/CMP.7, as well as those of decision -/CMP.8, on the relevant previous decisions under the Kyoto Protocol, and any supplementary reporting tables under articles 3.3 and 3.4.

Prior to Doha most of the outstanding technical issues were identified through the secretariats analysis, submissions by Parties, and work undertaken at a technical workshop in October reflected in FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.12. In Doha the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol concluded the outstanding political issues relating to the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol, and progress was made on technical work through decision -/CMP.8 on the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol (herein referred to as the CMP.8 decision on Implications). Further technical work must now be undertaken, to tidy up the decision set under the Kyoto Protocol. These consequential amendments will facilitate consistent implementation of national systems and registries, as well as reporting and review. We notice that some of the issues identified in FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.12 are now redundant, while a few other issues have arisen.

### *Implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 4/CMP.7 and decision -/CMP.8*

SBSTA 36 acknowledged the importance of the technical work for the implementation of the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol and noted that considerable amount of work had to be done. Substantial work was undertaken prior to SBSTA 37 in addressing the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol.

The CMP.8 decision on Implications does not cover all the technical work needed to follow up decisions 2/CMP.7 to 4/CMP.7. Further technical work is therefore needed under SBSTA, building on the thorough work undertaken so far. The technical workshop to be held before SBSTA 38 will be useful in advancing and prioritizing the work in 2013. With regards to the architecture of a decision or decisions, Norway sees merit in option b in the secretariat's report from the workshop held in October 2012, an overarching decision including annexes, where there is need for substantial consequential changes. The overarching decision should include necessary changes of references for the second commitment period (one example is that references to the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines and IPCC Good Practice Guidance need to be changed to the IPCC 2006 Guidelines). For those methodological decisions that require substantial changes, these should be included as annexes.

The CMP.8 decision on Implications covers to a large extent the timing and content of the report to facilitate the calculation of assigned amounts, and information related to land-use activities under Article 3.3 and 3.4 to be submitted starting with the annual inventory for the first year of the second commitment period. This means that not all necessary elements of decisions 13/CMP.1 and

15/CMP.1 have been addressed and the remaining elements in these decisions should be given priority. The guidelines for review under Article 8 need to be updated for the second commitment period, priority should therefore also be given to decision 22/CMP.1.

#### *Implementation of decision -/CMP.8 on Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol*

Paragraph 28 of the decision -/CMP.8 on Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol pursuant to its Article 3, paragraph 9 (herein referred to as the CMP.8 decision on Amendment) reflects that this decision has implications that are relevant for SBSTA to consider. Among these issues are the increased ambition during the second commitment period, the previous period surplus reserve and the use of units from new market based mechanisms.

The technical workshop to be held before SBSTA 38 should identify all implications of the CMP.8 decision on Amendment and explore options on how to address them. The secretariat's report on the workshop should reflect the discussions on the implications of decision CMP.8 decision on Amendment.

#### *Supplementary reporting tables for the reporting LULUCF activities under Article 3.3 and 3.4*

Norway recognizes that there will be a need to revise the supplementary reporting tables for reporting of land-use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period (hereinafter referred to as the supplementary reporting tables).

It is important that the timeline for revising these tables allows for finalization of the work and adoption of the revised tables by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its ninth session. This is necessary since the Parties will need the tables for reporting their annual greenhouse gas inventory in April 2015.

Norway recalls that SBSTA has ongoing work to revise the CRF tables in accordance with the revised UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines. The supplementary reporting tables will be one module of the CRF reporting software. It would therefore be beneficial if this work is seen in conjunction and are adopted at the same time, to allow the Secretariat to make only one final version of the software.

The work to revise the supplementary reporting tables also needs to be seen in conjunction with the ongoing work of the IPCC to review and, if necessary, update supplementary methodologies for estimating anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks resulting from land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol, on the basis of, inter alia, chapter 4 of its Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry. According to the timeline for this process, the revised methodologies will be adopted at the IPCC Plenary in October 2013. Norway has noted that the revised methodologies also contain proposals for updated CRF tables for reporting under the Kyoto Protocol.

Norway welcomes the workshop for discussing the supplementary reporting tables to be held prior to SBSTA 39, and suggests that the workshop should be held after the IPCC Plenary in October. The updated tables suggested by the IPCC could then form the basis for the discussions at the workshop. Further, the workshop report would form an important basis for the final discussions at SBSTA 39.

When the revised supplementary reporting tables are adopted, such decision needs to replace decision 6/CMP.3 and its Annex containing the current version of the supplementary tables.