16. The plenary requested the secretariat to:

(a) Announce the dates and venue of each meeting of the plenary and the branches on the UNFCCC website in advance of the meeting and to provide information on how those who would like to observe can register as observers for the meeting or follow it on the Internet;

(b) Establish a simple system of registration for observers on a first come first served basis;

(c) Accommodate a limited number of observers in the room where the meeting of the plenary or the branches is being held and, in the event of space constraints, in an adjacent room that will have a live video feed of the parts of the meeting that are held in public.

17. The plenary agreed that observers will be required not to interfere in any way with the conduct of the meeting, not to make contact with members or alternate members of the Committee while the session is ongoing and to leave the room when the plenary or the facilitative or enforcement branch decides to hold the meeting in private.

18. The plenary also agreed to maintain flexibility in deciding when meetings are to be held in public or in private, and to revisit the working arrangements set out in paragraphs 15–17 above after more experience is gained, but not later than in 2009.

C. Privileges and immunities for members and alternate members of the Compliance Committee

19. In accordance with the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its twenty-sixth session relating to privileges and immunities for individuals serving on constituted bodies established under the Kyoto Protocol, the Committee notes that to date, no concerns or issues relating to the privileges and immunities of the Compliance Committee or individuals serving on the Committee with regard to their official functions have been raised. The Committee is, however, aware that such issues might arise in the future and would therefore welcome an early resolution of the issue of ensuring the necessary privileges and immunities for individuals serving on Kyoto Protocol constituted bodies by the SBI and the CMP.

III. Work undertaken in the reporting period

A. Reports of expert review teams under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol and other information received by the plenary of the Compliance Committee

20. In accordance with section VI, paragraph 3, of the procedures and mechanisms, the secretariat forwarded to the Compliance Committee the reports from the expert review teams of the centralized in-depth review of the fourth national communications of Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Iceland, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, New Zealand, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The secretariat also forwarded to the Compliance Committee the report of the review of the initial reports of Austria, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand and Switzerland. For the purposes of rule 10, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, the reports were considered received by the Committee on the first business day following the date of publication of these reports.

21. At its fourth meeting, the plenary of the Committee considered the information provided to it by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 139 of the annex to decision 22/CMP.1 and noted the fact that as of 1 January 2007, one year after the deadline, four Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and have quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments inscribed in Annex B (Canada, Ireland, Italy and Luxembourg) had failed to submit their national communications containing

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