



ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

Fourth meeting

16-17 April 2008
Bonn, Germany

Report on the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Mr. Sebastian Oberthür, chairperson of the enforcement branch, declared the meeting open. He welcomed the members and alternate members of the branch who were present at the meeting, as well as the following individuals who attended the meeting on behalf of Greece: Ms. Elpida Politi, UNFCCC Focal Point and Mr. Ioannis Ziomas, National Technical University of Athens.

2. At the request of the chairperson, the secretariat provided an update of proceedings since the adoption by the branch of a preliminary finding with respect to Greece (CC-2007-1-6-/Greece/EB). The secretariat confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting, that all members and alternate members present had signed the Oath of Service, that for the first time, there was a registered observer attending the meeting, and that the meeting was being webcast live on the Internet.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The branch reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda (CC/EB/4/2008/1).

3. Organization of work

4. The branch agreed to begin the meeting with the consideration of the further written submission of Greece (CC-2007-1-7/Greece/EB) and thereafter proceed with the elaboration and adoption of a final decision.

4. Consideration of the further written submission of Greece

5. The branch considered the further written submission of Greece and, in this context, gave Greece an opportunity to address the branch.



5. Elaboration and adoption of final decision

6. After the elaboration of a decision held in private in accordance with rule 9, paragraph 2, of the Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee,¹ the branch adopted a final decision (CC-2007-1-8/Greece/EB).

6. Presentation by the secretariat on the reporting and review outlook for 2008

7. The secretariat presented information on the outlook for reporting and review of greenhouse gas emissions and other information by expert review teams in 2008, including voluntary annual reporting and individual reviews, and responded to questions from the branch with respect to the work planning implications for the branch.

7. Other matters

8. The branch noted the importance of ensuring that reviews under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol are performed consistently across Parties by each expert review team (ERT). Reflecting on the issue, which was raised in the written submission of Greece, and considering its possible systemic implications, the branch decided to bring this matter to the attention of the plenary of the Compliance Committee for inclusion in the agenda of the fifth meeting of the plenary, with a view to reflecting the outcomes of discussions in the plenary in the annual report of the Compliance Committee to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP).

9. The branch requested the secretariat to prepare a background paper as an input to the plenary discussion on the matter referred to in paragraph 8 above. This background paper should contain a description of the elements of the review process under Article 8 as reflected in decisions of the CMP that support consistency across Parties as well as a synthesis of the information regarding the review of national systems contained in available reports of ERTs on the initial reports of Annex I Parties. This synthesis should provide an overview of the problems identified with respect to national systems during the review process and the extent to which these problems were resolved during the review process, including a compilation of information about the activities that led to a resolution of the problems.

10. The branch noted that the bureau of the Compliance Committee had allocated a question of implementation contained in the review of the initial report of Canada (CC/ERT/IRR/2008/4) to the enforcement branch. Due to time constraints, the branch decided to conduct its preliminary examination of the question of implementation by electronic means.

¹ Contained in the annex to decision 4/CMP.2.



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11. The branch agreed to make an oral report to the plenary, through the chairperson, on lessons learned and experience gained from questions of implementation considered prior to the fifth meeting of the plenary, and to put the matter on the agenda of a meeting of the branch preceding the fifth meeting of the plenary, if possible.

8. Closure of the meeting

12. The chairperson declared the meeting closed.

9. Attendance

13. Owing to quorum limitations there were constraints on the capacity of the branch to conduct its business, particularly at the beginning of the meeting.

14. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are bolded below.

Members (in alphabetical order)	Alternate Members
1. ABDULLA, Amjad Mr.	MACE , Mary Jane Ms. ^{++*}
2. DE WET , Johanna G. Susanna Ms.	AMOUGOU, Joseph Armathé Mr.
3. ESTRADA OYUELA , Raúl Mr.	ITURREGUI BYRNE , Patricia Ms.
4. LEFEBER , René Mr.	LOIBL, Gerhard
5. MICHEL , Stephan Mr.	JACOBSEN , Kirsten Ms.
6. NAMANYA, Bernard Mr.	RAMOTHWA , Gladys Ms. ⁺⁺
7. OBERTHÜR , Sebastian Mr.	KUOKKANEN , Tuomas Mr.*
8. RAJABOV , Ilhomjon Mr.	NISHAT, Ainun Mr.
9. SHAMANOV , Oleg Mr.	TARASENKO , Vladimir Mr.
10. SU, Wei Mr.	ALAM, Mohammad Mr.

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⁺⁺ Served as member.

* Ms. Mace was absent in the morning of 16 April 2008.

* Mr. Kuokkanen was absent in the afternoon of 17 April 2008.