



FACILITATIVE BRANCH

Fourteenth meeting

16 September 2013
Bonn, Germany

Report on the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Mr. Khalid Abuleif, chairperson of the facilitative branch, declared the meeting open at 10:20 hrs.
2. At the request of the chairperson, the secretariat provided information on participation and quorum, as well as key administrative, logistical and housekeeping arrangements. The secretariat confirmed that the meeting was being webcast live on the Internet, and that an audio recording was being made of the entire meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The branch reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda (CC/FB/14/2013/1).

3. Organization of work

4. The branch agreed to organize its consideration of the items in the order set out in the agenda.

4. Provisions related to facilitation: Advice and facilitation

5. The branch recalled its initial consideration of whether to commence an early warning exercise with respect to Austria, Croatia and Italy and its decision not to proceed at that time but to revisit the matter once the later reports on the reviews of their annual submissions became available.¹ The reports of the individual reviews of the 2012 annual submissions of Austria, Croatia and Italy were made available in early 2013.²
6. With respect to these three Parties, the branch decided to review the information that had been previously before the branch, as well as consider any additional information from the 2012 annual submissions. In accordance with rule 9, paragraph 1, of the “Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol”,³ the branch agreed to review and consider this information in closed session given that information concerned individual Parties and could be of a sensitive nature. The branch also noted that the timing of the assessment of the compliance by each Party included in Annex I with its commitment under Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol could impact on the

¹ CC/FB/11/2012/2, paragraphs 11 and 12 and CC/FB/12/2012/3, paragraphs 12 to 17.

² See documents FCCC/ARR/2012/AUT, FCCC/ARR/2012/HRV and FCCC/ARR/2012/ITA (available at http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_ghg_inventories/inventory_review_reports/items/6616.php).

³ This and subsequent references to rules, as well as to rules of procedure, refer to those contained in the annex to decision 4/CMP.2, as amended by decision 4/CMP.4.



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timeliness and utility of any advice and facilitation to be provided by it, as well as its possible implications on the second commitment period, recognizing that its current mandate largely relates to the first commitment period.

7. Following its deliberations in closed session, the branch agreed that there was not sufficient information available to commence an early warning exercise with respect to Austria, Croatia or Italy but agreed to revisit the matter at its next meeting when additional information, including data from the 2013 annual submission and these Parties' sixth national communications, would be available.

8. The branch further considered its role in providing advice and facilitation, in particular in the context of continuing a dialogue with inventory lead reviewers. The branch indicated that the focus of any discussions should be on assisting Parties in meeting their commitments under Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol, noting the branch's mandate under section IV, paragraph 6 (a) of "Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol" contained in the annex to decision 27/CMP.1.⁴ In addition, the branch noted that when they provide advice and facilitation they may need to call on expert advice, which could be given by lead reviewers involved in the expert review team that had originally identified the problem with respect to a Party. In this regard, there would be a need to avoid duplicating the work of the review process. Thus one area of the discussion for a future joint workshop between the Compliance Committee and inventory lead reviewers could be identifying modalities for the most effective interaction between the branch and lead reviewers, for example in implementing recommendations.

5. Stocktaking exercise

9. The branch reviewed the list of stocktaking issues contained in document CC/FB/14/2013/2 and no new items were added. However, the branch noted that it may wish to consider what advice and facilitation it could provide during an early warning exercise and agreed that this issue would be taken up at the next meeting under the standing agenda item on 'Provision of facilitation: Advice and facilitation'.

6. Other matters

10. The chairperson informed the branch of the need to conduct an election for a new chairperson and vice-chairperson early in 2014, pursuant to section II, paragraph 4, of the procedures and mechanisms. He also informed the branch that since his term as a member would expire on 31 December 2013, in effect, his term of office as chairperson would expire on the same date. Noting this information, the branch agreed to conduct elections for a chairperson and a vice-chairperson at its next meeting. In doing so, it recognized that this approach would not result in a replacement chairperson, as required under rule 6, paragraph 3, but would represent a pragmatic way forward in view of the short period between the end of the chairperson's term and the envisaged date for the next meeting of the facilitative branch.

11. The chairperson and vice-chairperson expressed their thanks to the members and alternate members for their collaboration, professionalism and dedication. The chairperson extended his best wishes to members and alternate members who will continue to serve in the branch in the coming

⁴ This and subsequent references to sections, as well as to references to procedures and mechanisms, refer to the annex to decision 27/CMP.1.



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years. Members and alternate members of the branch thanked the chairperson for his excellent chairmanship and vision.

7. Closure of the meeting

12. The chairperson of the branch declared the meeting closed at 12:52 hrs.

8. Attendance

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

Members (in alphabetical order)	Alternate Members
1) ABULEIF , Khalid Mr.	YOO, Yeon-Chul Mr.
2) AGHAZADEH KHOEI , Javad Mr.	IVANOVA, Jadranka Ms.
3) COYE-FELSON, Janine E. Ms.	ST. LOUIS, Teddy Mr.
4) KYARUZI , Ladislaus Mr.	NASR, Mohamed I. Mr.
5) JALOUTA, Najmadeen B.M. Mr.	HAIDER FARMAN, Ali Abbas Mr.
6) PAZ CASTRO , Luis Mr.	LIMA , Antonio Monteiro Mr.
7) <i>Vacant*</i>	HALLSTRÖM , Per Mr.
8) SEDYAKIN , Valeriy Mr.	NIKITSIN , Siarhei Mr.
9) SHIMADA, Kunihiro Mr.	HENRY , Marcus Mr.
10) VERWEY , Delano Ruben Mr.	DYBKA, Dariusz Mr.

* Mr. Adrian Roberts resigned with effect from 22 April 2013
