



***FACILITATIVE BRANCH***

**Fifteenth meeting**

18 March 2014  
Bonn, Germany

**Report on the meeting**

**1. Opening of the meeting**

1. Mr. Delano Ruben Verwey, vice-chairperson of the facilitative branch, declared the meeting open at 10:30 hrs. He welcomed Ms. Mona Aarhus, Ms. Sarah Nabil Baashan, Mr. Delano Bart, Ms. Lisa Benjamin, Mr. Xiang Gao, Mr. Bubu Pateh Jallow, Ms. Emanuela Sardellitti and Mr. Balisi Justice Gopolang, members and alternate members of the branch who were attending their first meeting of the branch.

2. At the request of the chairperson, the secretariat provided information on participation and quorum, as well as key administrative, logistical and housekeeping arrangements. In terms of observer participation, the secretariat informed the branch that two lead reviewers, Ms. Daniela Romano and Mr. Simon Eggleston, as well as an observer from the University of London, Ms. Joana Alfaiate, were present. Finally, the secretariat confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting, that the meeting was being webcast live on the Internet, and that an audio recording was being made of the entire meeting. In addition, all members and alternate members present had signed their Oath of Service.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

3. The branch reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda (CC/FB/15/2014/1).

**3. Organization of work**

4. The branch agreed to organize its consideration of the items on the agenda in the order in which they had been set out in the provisional agenda referred to in paragraph 3 above.

**4. Election of chairperson and vice-chairperson**

5. The facilitative branch elected Mr. Delano Ruben Verwey as chairperson and Mr. Ladislaus Kyaruzi as vice-chairperson by acclamation.

6. The chairperson congratulated Mr. Kyaruzi on his election and thanked the branch for their support and confidence in electing himself as chairperson. The vice-chairperson also thanked the branch for their support and confidence and pledged full commitment to the chairperson and the branch.



## 5. Provisions related to facilitation: Advice and facilitation

7. 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 at its next meeting when additional information, including data from the 2013 annual submission and these Parties' sixth national communications (NC6s) would be available.<sup>1</sup>

8. A member of the branch, Ms. Emanuela Sardellitti, had informed the chairperson of a possible issue concerning the consideration of Italy and her employment in the government of Italy. While Ms. Sardellitti informed the chairperson that she had no involvement in the preparation of the 2013 annual submission and NC6 with respect to Italy, she recused herself from the consideration of the matter of Italy in order to avoid any possible perception of a conflict of interest.

9. In accordance with rule 9, paragraph 1, of the "Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol",<sup>2</sup> the branch agreed to review and consider this matter in closed session given that information concerned individual Parties and could be of a sensitive nature. Following a brief statement from the secretariat on the timetable for the issuance of reports of the individual reviews of the annual submissions submitted in 2013 and the in-depth reviews of the NC6s, as well as data extracted from the three Parties' 2013 annual submissions on the greenhouse gas emissions for 2010 and 2011, the branch considered the information provided, the implications concerning the timing of the provision of any advice and assistance, especially in relation to the end of the first commitment period and the commencement of the second commitment period, as well as its overall approach to the handling of an early warning exercise.

10. After consideration in closed session, and in accordance with the indicative working arrangements on the provision of advice and facilitation 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,<sup>3</sup> the branch concluded that, as there were no review reports available for the 2013 annual submissions and NC6s, it could not finalize its consideration of this matter at this meeting. Therefore, it agreed to revisit this matter at its next meeting and requested the secretariat to provide a technical presentation on any review reports of the three Parties' 2013 annual submissions and NC6s that would be available at that time.

11. When considering the issue of what advice and facilitation it could provide during an early warning exercise, the chairperson invited the lead reviewers to share their experiences of providing advice to Parties during the review process, recognizing the distinct mandates of the review process and facilitative branch. Following an initial exchange of views, the branch concluded that this matter could be taken up during a future joint workshop with the lead reviewers.

## 6. Other matters

12. The chairperson raised two matters, namely, the late submission of NC6s and the scheduling of the next branch meeting.

<sup>1</sup> CC/FB/14/2013/3, paragraph 7.

<sup>2</sup> 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 decisions 4/CMP.4 and 8/CMP.9.

<sup>3</sup> CC/FB/11/2012/2, Annex I.



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13. Regarding the matter of the late submissions, the chairperson drew the branch's attention to a note prepared by the secretariat entitled 'Information on the delay in submission of sixth national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol'<sup>4</sup> and noted that two Parties, which had a quantified emissions limitation and reduction commitment in the first commitment period, namely Monaco and Slovenia, had not yet submitted their NC6s. In accordance with rule 9, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, the branch agreed to review and consider this matter in closed session given that information concerned individual Parties and could be of a sensitive nature. On the invitation of the chairperson, the secretariat provided information on the submission of the NC6s and the steps it had taken to ascertain when the late NC6s would be submitted.

14. After consideration of the matter in closed session, the branch recalled that it had written to Monaco in 2011 concerning the late submission of its fifth national communication and noted with concern that Monaco was again late in submitting its national communication. It further noted that Monaco had not responded to a letter from the secretariat inquiring when the NC6 would be submitted.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, the branch agreed to write to Monaco raising these concerns and seeking whether it could provide any advice and facilitation. To this end, the branch authorized the chairperson with the support of the secretariat and in consultation with the branch to prepare and send a letter to Monaco in his name. With respect to Slovenia, the branch noted that Slovenia was late in submitting its NC6. However, the branch acknowledged that Slovenia, in response to a letter from the secretariat, had informed the secretariat that its NC6 would be submitted in the first quarter of 2014. Therefore, the branch agreed to write to Slovenia raising this concern and seeking whether it could provide any advice and facilitation. To this end, the branch authorized the chairperson with the support of the secretariat and in consultation with the branch, to prepare and send a letter to Slovenia in his name. The branch further agreed that should Slovenia's NC6 be submitted before the letter was dispatched, then the letter would be withdrawn.

15. Regarding scheduling, the branch agreed to hold its next meeting in September 2014, in conjunction with the meeting of the plenary.

### 7. Closure of the meeting

16. The chairperson of the branch declared the meeting closed at 13:30 hrs.

### 8. Attendance

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

<b>Members (in alphabetical order)</b>	<b>Alternate Members</b>
1) <b>AARHUS</b> , Mona Ms.	<b>SHIMADA</b> , Kunihiro Mr.
2) <b>BAASHAN</b> , Sarah Nabil Ms.	<b>GAO</b> , Xiang Mr.
3) <b>BENJAMIN</b> , Lisa Ms.	<b>ST. LOUIS</b> , Teddy Mr.
4) <b>GOPOLANG</b> , Balisi Justice Mr.	<i>nomination pending</i> <sup>±</sup>
5) <b>JALOUTA</b> , Najmadeen B. M. Mr.	<b>HAIDER FARMAN</b> , Ali Abbas Mr.
6) <b>KYARUZI</b> , Ladislaus Mr.	<b>JALLOW</b> , Bubu Pateh Mr.

<sup>4</sup> CC/14/2014/4.

<sup>5</sup> It subsequently emerged that due to a clerical error the letter to Monaco had not been sent.

<sup>±</sup> No nomination was put forward at the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.



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<b>Members (in alphabetical order)</b>	<b>Alternate Members</b>
7) <b>PAZ CASTRO</b> , Luis Raul Mr.	<b>BART</b> , Delano Mr.
8) <b>SARDELLITTI</b> , Emanuela Ms.	<b>HALLSTRÖM</b> , Per Mr.
9) <b>SEDYAKIN</b> , Valeriy Mr.	<b>NIKITSIN</b> , Siarhei Mr.
10) <b>VERWEY</b> , Delano Ruben Mr.	<b>DYBKA</b> , Dariusz Mr.

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