



FACILITATIVE BRANCH

Seventh meeting

12 October 2009
Bangkok, Thailand

Report on the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Mr. Ismail El Gizouli, chairperson of the facilitative branch, declared the meeting open. He welcomed Mr. Kunihiko Shimada who was attending a meeting of the branch for the first time.
2. At the request of the chairperson, the secretariat provided information on participation and quorum, as well as key administrative and logistical arrangements. The secretariat confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting, that all members and alternate members present had signed the Oath of Service, and that the meeting was being webcast live on the Internet. The secretariat noted that one individual had registered as an observer.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The branch reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda.

3. Provisions related to facilitation: Advice and facilitation

4. The branch continued discussions on how it can carry out its responsibility to provide advice and facilitation “with the aim of promoting compliance and providing for early warning of potential non-compliance” under section IV, paragraph 6(a), of the procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol.¹
5. In the context of these discussions, the branch noted, with increasing concern, that to date, nearly four years after the deadline set out in decision 4/CP.8 in relation to decision 22/CMP.1, Luxembourg has failed to submit its fourth national communication containing the supplementary information required under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol despite the concern expressed by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) in this regard.² It discussed various possibilities for addressing this serious issue, within the limits of its mandate, not only with respect to the above-mentioned Party but also with respect to past delays by other Parties included in Annex I in submitting reports required under the Protocol.

¹ Contained in the annex to decision 27/CMP.1; hereinafter referred to as procedures and mechanisms.

² Decision 5/CMP.3 “Compliance under the Kyoto Protocol”.



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6. As a result of discussions described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the branch agreed to recommend that the plenary invite the CMP to clarify any action that the Committee can take in relation to continuing delays in the submission of national communications, in the light of the mandate of the facilitative branch as set out in section IV, paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, of the procedures and mechanisms.

4. Agenda for the next meeting

7. The branch agreed to keep the matter described in paragraph 4 above on the agenda of its next meeting, which it agreed to hold in July 2010, without prejudice to organizing an earlier meeting to consider any possible questions of implementation.

8. Recognizing that the background paper requested from the secretariat in paragraph 7 of the report on the sixth meeting of the facilitative branch (CC/FB/6/2008/2) would be available in the second half of 2010 at the earliest, the branch requested the secretariat to circulate documents that have been made available to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that provide information on the greenhouse gas emission trends of Parties included in Annex I in advance of the eighth meeting referred to in paragraph 6 above.

9. Noting that Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol requires certain supplementary information to be incorporated into the national communications submitted under the Convention by Parties included in Annex I, the branch also agreed to consider, at its eighth meeting, observations made by expert review teams in the in-depth reviews of fourth national communications of Parties included in Annex I in relation to the greenhouse gas emission projections until 2020 presented by these Parties.

5. Other matters

10. The branch agreed to initiate consultations on the election of a chairperson and vice-chairperson as soon as possible after 1 January 2010 and to conduct its elections by electronic means soon thereafter, with a view to electing a new chairperson and vice-chairperson no later than 31 January 2010.

6. Closure of the meeting

11. The chairperson of the branch declared the meeting closed.



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

Members (in alphabetical order)	Alternate Members
1. ABULEIF, Khalid Mr.	CHOI, Jai-Chul Mr.
2. AGHAZADEH KHOEI , Javad Mr.	JANELIDZE , Paata Mr.
3. ALBÁN DURÁN, Maria Andrea Ms.	LEWIS, Ato Mr.
4. DIXELIUS , Anna Ms.	NOTARO , Nicola Mr.
5. EL GIZOULI , Ismail Mr.	MICHIEKA , Ratemo Mr.
6. PEDRO CUESTA, Pedro Luis Mr.	LIMA , Antonio Monteiro Mr. ⁺
7. SEDYAKIN , Valeriy Mr.	SHIRMA, Roman Mr.
8. SHIMADA , Kunihiro Mr.	BERMAN , Mark Mr.
9. ZONGO, Isidore Nonga Mr.	ICHSANA ISHAK , Inar Ms. ⁺
10. PALLEMAERTS , Marc Mr.	ROBERTS , Adrian Mr.

⁺ Served as member.