



FACILITATIVE BRANCH

Ninth meeting

16 September 2010
Bonn, Germany

Report on the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Mr. Kunihiro Shimada, chairperson of the facilitative branch, declared the meeting open. He extended a warm welcome to Mr. Javad Aghazadeh Khoei, who was attending his first meeting as vice-chairperson of the branch.
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 no observers had registered for the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The branch reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda (CC/FB/9/2010/1).

3. Provisions related to facilitation: Advice and facilitation

4. The chairperson provided a summary of discussions held by the branch at its eighth meeting, noting in particular that those discussions highlighted that the main issues arising under the agenda item include: issues relating to the functions of the facilitative branch, focusing on whether and how it should seek further guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP); the need to take proactive action with respect to Parties that have not yet submitted their fifth national communications, which were due on 1 January 2010 in accordance with decision 10/CP.13, and in particular consideration of any follow up action with respect to Monaco; and any possible prioritization of in-depth reviews of the fifth national communications.
5. The branch noted that the plenary of the Compliance Committee had sought guidance from the CMP on action that the Committee could take in relation to delays in the submission



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by a Party included in Annex I of its national communication on two occasions¹ and that the CMP had not yet addressed its request.² The branch underlined that, while it would welcome clarification from the CMP on its facilitative function, as previously requested, the branch also acknowledged the usefulness of developing its own practice based on its mandate, as in the case of Monaco (see paragraph 6 below).

6. In relation to the status of submissions and reviews of fifth national communications (NC5s) from Parties included in Annex I, the chairperson recalled that, after a decision using electronic means, the branch had requested him to send a letter to Monaco (see annex to document CC/FB/2010/2),³ with a request that a response be provided before the ninth meeting of the branch. The letter, sent on 28 July 2010, expressed concern at the delay in the submission of Monaco's fifth national communication, inquired whether, in accordance with section IV, paragraph 4, of the "Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol",⁴ the branch could provide any advice or facilitation to Monaco. The chairperson informed the branch that Monaco responded by a letter dated 16 September 2010, stating that it was planning to submit its fifth national communication at the end of October or in early November.⁵ The branch therefore agreed that if Monaco had not submitted its fifth national communication by 15 November 2010, the chairperson of the branch would send a letter to Monaco requesting information on the status of its submission and inquiring again whether the branch could provide any advice or facilitation.

7. The branch also considered the possible prioritisation of in-depth reviews of the fifth national communications on the basis of observations made by the expert review teams (ERTs) in the in-depth review of the fourth national communications. In its discussion, the branch noted the importance of timely submission of national communications before the established deadline, in order for the in-depth reviews to be completed as quickly as possible. The branch also acknowledged the resource constraints of the ERTs and encouraged Parties to address the need for adequate resources for the efficient and effective functioning of the review process under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. In addition, after a lengthy discussion that highlighted differing positions on this item, the branch agreed that it would continue to explore a possible set of criteria on prioritisation that could be used for the in-depth reviews of the sixth national communications, taking into account past experience, in particular in relation to the fifth national communications.

8. The branch agreed to keep this item on the agenda of its future meetings.

¹ See paragraphs 4 (b) and 22 of the second annual report of the Compliance Committee to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, FCCC/KP/CMP/2007/6 and paragraphs 4 (b) and 22 of the fourth annual report of the Compliance Committee to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, FCCC/KP/CMP/2009/17.

² See decisions 4/CMP.2 and 6/CMP.5.

³ The letter is available at <http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/compliance/facilitative_branch/items/3786.php>.

⁴ Annex to decision 27/CMP.1.

⁵ See the annex to this report.



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4. Other matters

9. In relation to document CC/8/2010/6 “Status of submission and review of reports under the Kyoto Protocol” a request was made for the secretariat to issue a revised version of the document, with a footnote indicating that Turkey, a Party included in Annex I, does not have a commitment inscribed in Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol.

5. Closure of the meeting

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

6. Attendance

11. 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) DIXELIUS , Anna Ms.	NOTARO , Nicola Mr.
5) HADJ-SADOK, Tahar Mr.	NASR , Mohamed I. Mr. ⁺
6) PEDRO CUESTA , Pedro Luis Mr.	LIMA, Antonio Monteiro Mr.
7) SEDYAKIN , Valeriy Mr.	SHIRMA, Roman Mr.
8) SHIMADA , Kunihiko Mr.	BERMAN , Mark Mr.
9) <i>vacant</i> [‡]	ICHSANA ISHAK , Inar Ms. ⁺
10) PALLEMAERTS , Marc Mr.	ROBERTS, Adrian Mr.

[‡] Mr. Isidore Nonga Zongo resigned.

⁺ Served as member.

Annex



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Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol

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Dear Mr. Kunihiko Shimada,

I would like first to inform you that Mr Platini has retired from the administration of the Principality of Monaco and that he is no longer the UNFCCC National Focal Point for Monaco.

Following your request regarding the situation of the fifth national communication of Monaco, I inform you that it is under preparation and its submission to the UNFCCC secretariat is planned for the end of October or early November 2010.

The delay in submitting our fifth national communication is both due to the number of offices involved in the preparation of this report and to implementing the recommendations made by the expert review team during the review of the previous national communication.

The Principality of Monaco will keep the UNFCCC secretariat informed on the progress of this action.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Director,

Jérôme FROISSART
