MALAYSIA

SUBMISSION OF VIEWS

Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries

Based on the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session on agreed outcomes pursuant to the Bali Action Plan Paragraph 36, Parties and admitted observer organizations are invited to submit views, to the Secretariat of the UNFCCC by 25 March 2013, on the matters referred to in paragraphs 34 and 35, including potential functions, modalities and procedures.

1. On Paragraph 34, Malaysia is of the view that there is a crucial/serious need to improve coordination of support for the implementation of the activities referred to decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70. The improved coordination of support should facilitate:
   - Transparent and equitable access to support by developing countries.
   - Increased efficiency and effectiveness of support.
   - Disbursement of support from developed countries to developing countries.
   - The REDD+ readiness phase to implementation phase.
   - Reporting of the support pledged and disbursed in terms of finance, technologies and technical matters.

2. Malaysia is of the view that the need to provide adequate and predictable support, including financial resources, technical and technological support, to developing country Parties for implementation of activities referred in paragraph 70 of 1/CP.16 is necessary as agreed to in paragraph 65 of 2/CP.17. In addition, Malaysia views adequate and predictable support is needed to develop the modalities as per paragraph 71, 72 and 73 of 1/CP16. It is also necessary to achieve a balance between methodological requirements and financial support to implement activities referred in paragraph 70 of 1/CP.16.

3. On Paragraph 35, Malaysia believes that the joint process of SBSTA and SBI should focus on addressing a balance between
methodological guidance and the commitment of support for implementing REDD+. It is important that previous decisions on finance and methodological aspects relating to REDD+ shall be respected in this process.

4. For REDD+ institutional arrangement, Malaysia proposes that the modalities for REDD+ should be established first. Once the modalities are established, then the potential roles and functions of an REDD+ institution could be developed. The financial implication of such an institution should also be considered. In the interim, coordination should be undertaken by the UNFCCC Secretariat.

5. Malaysia supports the submission made by Indonesia on behalf of ASEAN.