

## EU - Elements of the Standing Committee

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### Standing Committee

It is crucial to emphasise from the start that the role of the SC will be advisory. We see a role for the SC where its *functions* add value to the climate finance landscape and its *form* is light and cost effective.

Our Vision: In order to assist the COP with respect to the financial mechanism of the Convention, we see that the standing committee if appropriately designed could take forward following functions, which correspond to Cancun provisions for the Standing Committee.

- ensuring a periodic overview of financial flows of climate finance from all relevant sources
- reviewing the distribution of climate finance and identifying finance gaps,
- encouraging synergies and coordination of all relevant actors.

In so doing, the standing committee could play a useful role in

- increasing awareness of the role played by the many sources of finance in supporting climate action, including bi-lateral and private financing.
- providing a means of showing progress towards global goals for climate finance.
- contributing to building trust among parties about the implementation of the convention.

To perform its functions, the SC will draw on evidence from a collation of information on financial flows which could be prepared by the secretariat. These data will be collected from all relevant sources (e.g. the operating entities of the financial mechanism, the national communications, registry, the CDM EB and possibly outsourced analysis on private financial flows).

We do not see the standing committee having a role in designing, operating or revising the MRV system relating to reporting obligations of individual parties. This is addressed through the updates to the guidance on preparing national communications. We could not agree to a separate additional MRV system.

## Composition

We prefer to speak about function before form. However, we do see the committee as Expert. The SC could somehow include expertise eg. from GCF, GEF, AF, LDCF, and experts from other relevant financial institutions in an ex officio role.

### On reporting to the COP or SBI:

An important issue is that we need clarity on the division of labour between SBI and Standing Committee. The division would depend on the functions in question and also the composition of the SC. We are open to discussion on this area and to explore the issue. There shall be no duplication of work between the Standing Committee and institutions.

The functions outlined in the Cancun Agreements, as developed above, together with an expert composition could help improve the production of guidance given by the COP to the financial mechanism by making it more result orientated.

A useful starting point could be to collect all existing guidance to the financial mechanism in one consolidated document that removes duplication and address inconsistencies, and to present the draft consolidated document to the COP.

It should be noted that the implication of the above is that we do not see an operational role for the standing committee. The standing committee should not take the place or undermine the role of the COP e.g. in providing guidance to the financial mechanism, or in national communications etc.