

Draft Decision -/CP.17

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 1.1, 4.1, 4.2a, 4.3, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.10 of the Convention, Article 1b of Decision 1/CP.13 and Paragraphs 80 and 84 of Decision 1/CP.16,

Emphasizing the importance of achieving sustainable development through enhanced access to financial, technology transfer and capacity building from developed to developing country Parties,

Recognizing that Parties need to achieve the ultimate goal of the Convention to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference to the climate system,

Recognizing that enhanced mitigation efforts are needed to complement the flexibility mechanisms established under the Kyoto Protocol to achieve a global net reduction of greenhouse gas emissions,

Affirming the need to develop new various approaches to complement the flexible mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol the enhancement of their environmental integrity, and to supplement ambitious domestic mitigation actions of developed country Parties,

Reaffirming the need to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions for the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, consistent with the principles of the Convention,

1. *Decides* to establish a new international mechanism, incentive-based and voluntary in nature, to ensure the avoidance/reduction of emissions relative to the net level of emissions in broad sectors of the economy, in an effort to: reach a net decrease in global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, foster the enhancement of the cost-effectiveness, and the promotion of mitigation actions under the Convention;
2. *Decides* that Annex I Parties of the Convention can use the mechanism referred to in paragraph 1 to comply with their quantified emission reduction limits provided the entry into force of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and the adoption of comparable efforts of quantified emissions reduction limits for those Parties that are not parties to the Kyoto Protocol, or that have stated a voluntary pledge to reduce current emission levels and to curve the trajectory of its growth;
3. *Decides* to limit the use of the mechanism described in paragraph 1 by Annex I parties to the Convention for compliance purposes up to 3 % of the total quantified emissions reductions commitments targets and objectives [*PLACE HOLDER for results of the amendment of Art 3 paragraph 9 of KP and Article 1b of Decision 1/CP.13 mitigation targets by Annex I Parties under AWG-LCA*];
4. *Agrees* that the mechanism referred to in paragraph 1 of this decision shall strive to ensure a net decrease and/or avoidance of global GHG emissions, and the governing principles all the provisions agreed in paragraph 80 of Decision 1/CP.16;
5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body of Scientific and Technical Assistance to undertake a work program on the development of market, non-based mechanisms and various approaches, with a view to recommending a draft decision or decisions to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its twentieth session, incorporating lessons from the work and possible synergies and coherence with institutional arrangements currently in place associated to the flexible mechanisms under the Convention addressing:

- Modalities and procedures for the mechanism referred to in paragraph 1 above;
- Specific activities to promote the readiness of Parties that voluntarily decide to participate in the mechanism referred to in paragraph 1 above;
- Measures to ensure the environmental integrity;

6. *Invites* Parties and accredited observed organizations to submit to the Secretariat, by February 21 2012, information concerning rules and procedures for the mechanism referred in paragraph 1 focusing on institutional arrangements and technical issues including methodologies with a view to ensure that avoided GHG emissions are real and verifiable, additional, permanent and without leakage, for synthesis by the Secretariat;
7. *Agrees* that developed country Parties will provide all necessary means for implementation, in particular financial support, capacity-building and transfer of technologies through the institutional arrangements under the Convention for the full operation of the mechanism referred in paragraph 1.