

Submission by the Government of Japan

Input on implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol
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Japan welcomes the opportunity to submit its input on implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, in response to the request in the document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, as well as the technical paper prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/TP/2012/6), in response to the request by the SBSTA.

Japan is looking forward to exchanging views on this matter with other Parties, and reaching constructive and practical solutions at SBSTA37 and COP18/CMP8.

Methodological issues relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol such as accounting methodologies, reporting requirements and review procedures are valuable and effective tools to tackle climate change. In view of their importance, these tools should smoothly continue and, at the same time, apply to as many countries as possible from 2013. Japan is prepared to continue applying these tools proactively as a Party to the Kyoto Protocol.

Regarding the issues relating to the operation of flexibility mechanisms, Japan recognizes that the CDM is one of the most successful mechanisms and an effective tool to tackle climate change while assisting sustainable development of developing countries. With the aim of preserving its benefits of serving to the sustainable development of developing countries, the CDM should be able to be utilized by as many countries as possible from 2013.

Regarding the revision of relevant decisions on LULUCF, it should accurately reflect the LULUCF rules described in Decision 2/CMP.7. Japan will account and report its emissions from and removals by the LULUCF sector based on Decision 2/CMP.7 and be ready to be reviewed on the reported information for 2013 and onward.