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METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

ISSUES RELATING TO ARTICLES 5, 7 AND 8 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

Addendum

Recommendation by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session:

Draft decision -/CP.9

Issues relating to the implementation of Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 23/CP.7,

Having considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session adopt draft decision -/CMP.1 (*Issues relating to the implementation of Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol*) below;
2. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to further consider, at its twentieth session, ways to ensure access to confidential data by review experts in those periods of the inventory review in which experts are neither present in the country under review nor at the office of the secretariat, recognizing that the draft decision on the technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments agreed at this session is without prejudice to any additional provision relating to the application of adjustments in the case of confidential information arising from these considerations;

3. *Invites* Parties to consider possible ways to ensure access to confidential information during such period, taking into account their domestic legislation, and to submit, by 15 February 2004, their views on this issue;

4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice also to consider, at its twentieth session, the possible application of the code of practice for the treatment of confidential information to the review of information on assigned amounts pursuant to Article 3, paragraphs 7 and 8, emission reduction units, certified emission reductions, assigned amount units and removal units, and, to facilitate this consideration, invites Parties to include views on this matter in their submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above.

Draft decision -/CMP.1

Issues relating to the implementation of Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Having considered decisions 23/CP.7, 23/CP.8 and -/CP.9,

1. *Requests* the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop and implement the training programme for members of expert review teams participating in the initial reviews under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, in accordance with the provisions in annex I to this decision, including requirements for testing of experts, and to give priority to implementation of a final seminar for the course on application of adjustments;
2. *Encourages* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention that are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to provide financial support for implementation of the training programme;
3. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its first session in 2006, to assess the results of the training programme and to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on the further development and implementation of the training programme for members of expert review teams participating in reviews under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a report on information on the training programme, in particular on examination procedures, and the selection of trainees and instructors, to be provided to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice for the assessment mentioned in paragraph 3 above;
5. *Decides* to apply and give full effect to the code of practice for the treatment of confidential information as contained in annex II to decision -/CP.9 (*Issues relating to the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories*) for the reviews of inventories under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
6. *Decides* that all members of expert review teams participating in the reviews under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol shall be required to sign an agreement for expert review services, in accordance with paragraph 6 of decision -/CP.9 (*Issues relating to the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories*);
7. *Adopts* the criteria for selection of lead reviewers contained in annex II to this decision;
8. *Requests* the secretariat, in organizing reviews,
 - (a) To apply the provisions resulting from paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 above;
 - (b) To ensure that an inventory submission by a Party included in Annex I to the Convention is not reviewed by the same lead reviewers in two successive years.

ANNEX I

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR MEMBERS OF EXPERT REVIEW TEAMS FOR THE INITIAL REVIEW UNDER THE GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

I. PREMISES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

1. All courses will be available, without instructor, to reviewers all year round. At the request of a Party, the courses will also be made available for others interested in the review process, provided this does not require additional resources.
2. All courses will include an examination. For courses which have a final seminar, the examination will generally take place during the seminar. In exceptional circumstances, other arrangements for examination will be made, provided that the examinations take place under the supervision of the secretariat. For other courses the examination will take place on-line.
3. Experts who do not pass an examination for a course at the first attempt may re-take the examination one additional time, provided that the expert has fulfilled all the tasks assigned to the trainees in the course in a timely manner, and that the re-take does not require the secretariat to incur additional costs.
4. Examination procedures should be standardized, objective and transparent.
5. All courses will be available on-line. The courses will be distributed on CD-ROM to trainees without easy access to the Internet; in such cases, and for courses that are facilitated by an instructor, reviewers will communicate with the instructor by email.
6. Final seminars for courses may be offered in conjunction with lead reviewers' meetings to complete the training for lead reviewers.
7. The development and implementation of the courses of this training programme depend on the availability of resources.
8. Experts with relevant expertise will be selected as instructors for courses of the training programme, in such a way that their skills cover the subjects addressed in each course. The secretariat will seek geographic balance among the instructors participating in the training programme.

II. COURSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

A. National systems

Description: This course covers guidelines for review of national systems under Article 5.1 and related parts of guidelines under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

Preparation: 2004 or 2005

Implementation: 2005 and 2006

Target audience: 50 experienced reviewers and reviewers who have successfully completed the basic course for review of greenhouse gas inventories and lead reviewers

Type of course: E-learning, facilitated by an instructor, with a final seminar, subject to the availability of resources, that could be held jointly for the three courses of this programme

Examination requirements: All reviewers who will review national systems or serve as lead reviewers must pass the examination

B. Application of adjustments

Description: This course covers COP decisions and technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5.2 and related parts of guidelines under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

Preparation: 2004 or 2005

Implementation: 2005 and 2006

Target audience: 50 experienced inventory reviewers per year and lead reviewers

Type of course: E-learning, facilitated by an instructor, with a final seminar, subject to the availability of resources, that could be held jointly for the three courses of this programme

Examination requirements: Any reviewers who may apply adjustments or will serve as lead reviewers must pass the examination

C. Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7.4

Description: Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7.4. The exact content of this course will be determined following completion of the work on technical standards for data exchange between registry systems, as required by decision 24/CP.8

Preparation: 2004 or 2005

Implementation: 2005 and 2006

Target audience: Reviewers of national registries and assigned amount information and lead reviewers

Type of course: E-learning, facilitated by an instructor, with a final seminar, subject to the availability of resources, that could be held jointly for the three courses of this programme

Examination requirements: Any reviewers who will review information relating to accounting of assigned amounts or serve as lead reviewers must pass the examination

Note: More information on general characteristics of the training programme can be found in the document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/3

ANNEX II

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF LEAD REVIEWERS

1. Experts selected as lead reviewers:
 - (a) Shall have extensive experience in the preparation of greenhouse gas inventories (of emissions by sources and removals by sinks) and/or the management of national institutional arrangements for greenhouse gas inventory preparation;
 - (b) Shall have previously participated in at least two different review activities, including one in-country review;¹
 - (c) Shall have a strong general understanding of the overall process for the development and compilation of the entire inventory and, preferably, strong technical expertise in at least one of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) sectors;
 - (d) Shall have proficiency in the use of the guidelines developed under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol and procedures for reporting and review of inventories and assigned amount information, specifically:
 - (i) The guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol and the UNFCCC guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories under the Convention;
 - (ii) The guidelines for the preparation of the information required under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol and the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories;
 - (iii) The modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7, paragraph 4, including the requirements for national registries, and the technical standards for data exchange between registry systems under the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (e) Shall have knowledge of methodologies and technical guidance relating to the preparation and review of inventories, specifically:
 - (i) The *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, the *IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, any other good practice guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (ii) The technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (iii) Other relevant technical guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP);
 - (f) Shall have sufficient fluency in English to communicate with other members of the team and Party representatives;

¹ Such review activities could have been conducted under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol.

(g) Shall have successfully completed any specific training and required examination as requested by the COP/MOP, and laid out in annex I to decision -/CMP.1 (*Issues relating to the implementation of Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol*);

(h) Shall have completed any specific training as requested by the COP and laid out in annex I to decision -/CP.9 (*Issues relating to the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex 1 to the Convention*), i.e. handling of confidential information and improving communication and facilitating consensus in expert review teams.

2. Other desirable criteria for lead reviewers include:

(a) Experience in a management role;

(b) Knowledge of any other technical guidance and related review activities under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol adopted by the COP and/or the COP/MOP;

(c) [[A working knowledge of another United Nations official language] [or the official language of a Party under review.]]
