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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

**Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice**

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its twenty-third session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session.

**Draft decision -/CMP.1**

**Criteria for cases of failure to submit information relating to estimates of greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks from activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol**

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

*Having considered decisions 11/CP.7, 19/CP.7 and 22/CP.7,*

1. *Decides that a Party included in Annex I to the Convention shall not issue removal units pursuant to paragraph 26 of the annex to decision -/CMP.1 (Modalities for accounting for assigned*

*amount*) for a specific activity under Article 3, paragraph 3, or a specific elected activity under Article 3, paragraph 4, associated with a year of the commitment period, if the magnitude of the adjustments to that activity, as defined in the annex to this decision, exceeds 9 per cent for that year;

2. *Decides* that for any adjustments relating to an activity under Article 3, paragraph 3, or an elected activity under Article 3, paragraph 4, associated with a year of the commitment period, the review reports under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol shall include the magnitude of the adjustments to that activity as the percentage calculated in accordance with the previous paragraph.

ANNEX

1. The magnitude (M) of the adjustments to an activity for a year of the commitment period, expressed as a percentage, is measured as the absolute value of the “adjusted net estimate for that activity minus the submitted net estimate for the activity”, divided by the sum of the absolute values of all submitted components for that activity, multiplied by 0.18.<sup>1</sup>

2. Mathematically, this is expressed by the following equation:

$$M(\%) = \frac{|Net_{adjusted} - Net_{submitted}|}{\sum_j |COMP_{submitted_j}|} \times 0.18 \times 100$$

where:

$Net_{adjusted}$  = the estimate of net emissions/removals for the activity after application of any adjustments, expressed in tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) equivalent

$Net_{submitted}$  = the estimate of net emissions/removals for the activity as submitted by the Party, expressed in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent

$COMP_{submitted_j}$  = estimate for component ‘j’ of a specific activity under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, as reported by the Party in the common reporting format tables for supplementary data for land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraph 3 and any elected activities under Article 3, paragraph 4, that represents either aggregate estimates of carbon-stock change in individual carbon pools or aggregated estimates of emissions from an individual category, expressed in tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent. Specifically,

- For tables 5(KP-I), components are the aggregate totals for each carbon-stock change column for the activity; gains and losses should be considered separate components, where applicable
- For tables 5(KP-II), components are the aggregate emissions for the activity from nitrogen (N) fertilization, drainage of soils, disturbance associated with land-use conversion, lime application or biomass burning.

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<sup>1</sup> This value was selected as an indicator of the average share of the land use, land-use change and forestry emissions and removals relative to total emissions for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.