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Agenda item 3 (a–e)

Enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012, by addressing, inter alia:

A shared vision for long-term cooperative action

Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change

Enhanced action on adaptation

Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation

Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation

**Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term
Cooperative Action under the Convention**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

Draft decision -/CP.15

Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.13, 2/CP.13, x/CP.15 (AWG-LCA core) and x/CP.15 (SBSTA decision),

[Affirming (... for any quantitative goal to be inserted or moved elsewhere)]

Encourages all Parties to find effective ways to reduce the pressure on forests that results in greenhouse gas emissions,

1. *Affirms* that the following [principles][principles and provisions of the Convention] guide the implementation of activities referred to in paragraph 3 below:

- (a) Contribute to the objective set out in Article 2 of the Convention;
- (b) [Contribute to the commitments set out in Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention;]
- (c) Be country-driven and [voluntary][put forward voluntarily];
- (d) Be undertaken in accordance with national circumstances and capabilities of the country and respect sovereignty;
- (e) Be consistent with national sustainable development needs and goals;
- (f) Facilitate sustainable development, reduce poverty and respond to climate change in developing country Parties;
- (g) Promote broad country participation;
- (h) Be consistent with the adaptation needs of the country;
- (i) Be [integrated into nationally appropriate mitigation actions] [developed within the context of a low greenhouse gas emission strategy];
- (j) Be subject to [equitable, adequate, predictable and sustainable] financing and technology support, including support for capacity-building;
- (k) Be results-based;
- (l) Promote sustainable management of forests;

2. *Further affirms* that when undertaking activities referred to in paragraph 3 below, the following safeguards should be [promoted] [and] [supported]:

- (a) That actions complement or are consistent with the objectives of national forest programmes and relevant international conventions and agreements;
- (b) Transparent and effective national forest governance structures, taking into account national legislation and sovereignty;
- (c) Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities, by taking into account relevant international obligations, national circumstances and laws, and noting that the General Assembly has adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- (d) Full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, including in particular indigenous peoples and local communities in actions referred to in paragraphs 3 and 5 below;
- (e) Actions that are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity, ensuring that actions referred to in paragraph 3 below are not used for the conversion of natural forests, but are instead used to incentivize the protection

and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services, and to enhance other social and environmental benefits;^[1]

- (f) Actions to address the risks of reversals;
- (g) Actions to reduce displacement of emissions;

3. *Decides* that developing country Parties should contribute to mitigation actions in the forest sector by undertaking the following activities:

- (a) Reducing emissions from deforestation;
- (b) Reducing emissions from forest degradation;
- (c) Conservation of forest carbon stocks;
- (d) Sustainable management of forest;
- (e) Enhancement of forest carbon stocks;

4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to undertake a work programme to identify land use, land-use change and forestry activities in developing countries, in particular those that are linked to the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, to identify the associated methodological issues to estimate emissions and removals resulting from these activities, and to assess their potential contribution to the mitigation of climate change, and report on the findings to the Conference of the Parties at its [xx] session;

5. *Also requests* that a developing country Party aiming to undertake activities referred to in paragraph 3 above, [provided that support is made available,] in accordance with national circumstances and respective capabilities, develop:

- (a) [A national strategy or action plan and, if appropriate, a subnational strategy, [as part of their low-carbon emission strategies and in accordance with decision x/CP.15 (*Mitigation*)]];
- (b) [A national forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level, or if appropriate, subnational forest reference emission level[s] and/or forest reference level[s], taking into account decision x/CP.15 (*SBSTA decision*) and any further elaboration of those provisions agreed by the Conference of the Parties;]
- (c) [A robust and transparent national forest monitoring system for the monitoring and reporting of the activities referred to in paragraph 3 above[, and the safeguards referred to in paragraph 2 above], with, as appropriate, subnational monitoring and reporting as an optional interim measure,² in accordance with the provisions contained in decision x/CP.15 (*SBSTA decision*) and any further elaboration of those provisions agreed by the Conference of the Parties;]

6. *Requests* developing country Parties when developing and implementing their national strategy or action plan, [or subnational strategies] to address, inter alia, drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, land tenure issues, forest governance issues, gender considerations and the safeguards

¹ [Taking into account the need for sustainable livelihoods of indigenous peoples and local communities and their interdependence on forests in most countries, reflected in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the International Mother Earth Day.]

² Including monitoring and reporting of emissions displacement at the national level.

identified in paragraph 2 above, ensuring the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, inter alia, indigenous peoples and local communities;

7. *Decides* that the activities undertaken by Parties referred to in paragraph 3 above [should][shall] be implemented in phases, beginning with the development of national strategies or action plans, policies and measures and capacity-building, followed by the implementation of national policies and measures, and national strategies or action plans and, as appropriate, subnational strategies, that could involve further capacity-building, technology transfer and results-based demonstration activities, and evolving into results-based actions [that shall be fully measured, reported and verified];

8. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the activities referred to in paragraph 7 above, including the choice of a starting phase, depends on the specific national circumstances, capacities and capabilities of each developing country Party and the level of support received;

9. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its [xx] session, to develop, as necessary, modalities for [measuring, reporting and verifying] anthropogenic forest-related emissions by sources and removals by sinks, forest carbon stocks, forest carbon stocks and forest area changes resulting from the implementation of activities referred to in paragraph 3 above, and for robust and transparent national forest monitoring [and reporting] systems as specified in paragraph 5 (c) above[, and consistent with any guidance for measuring, reporting and verification of nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties agreed by the Conference of the Parties], taking into account methodological guidance in accordance with decision x/CP.15 (*SBSTA decision*), for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its [xx] session;

10. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its [xx] session, to develop modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying the support provided by developed country Parties to support the implementation of safeguards and actions referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;]

11. [*Requests* that the promotion and implementation of all activities referred to in paragraphs 3, 5, 6 and 7 above, including consideration of the safeguards referred to in paragraph 2 above, and early action, be supported in accordance with [paragraph 1 (b) above and] relevant provisions agreed by the Conference of the Parties including:

- (a) [Decision x/CP.15 (finance);]
- (b) [Decision x/CP.15 (1 (b) (v)),] [for result-based activities a flexible combination of funds and market-based sources subjected to modalities to be agreed by the Conference of the Parties at its [xx] session];
- (c) [through existing bilateral and multilateral channels;]

12. *Requests* Parties, [relevant international organizations and stakeholders] to ensure coordination of the activities referred to in paragraph 11 above, including of the related support, particularly at the country level;

13. *Requests* the [Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice] to develop modalities for the promotion and implementation of the development of national strategies or action plans, policies and measures and capacity-building, the implementation of national policies and measures, and national strategies or action plans and, as appropriate, subnational strategies, that could involve further capacity-building, technology transfer and results-based demonstration activities, by its [xx] session, for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its [xx] session.