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### Guidance for reporting information on activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol

**Proposal by the President** 

Addendum

**Draft decision -/CMP.9** 

# Guidance for reporting information on 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,

Recalling Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol,

Also recalling decisions 6/CMP.3, 2/CMP.6, 2/CMP.7, 3/CMP.7, 4/CMP.7, 1/CMP.8, and 2/CMP.8,

Being aware of decisions 11/CMP.1, 13/CMP.1, 15/CMP.1, 16/CMP.1, 17/CMP.1, 18/CMP.1, 19/CMP.1 and 27/CMP.1,

1. Adopts the common reporting format<sup>1</sup> tables contained in the annex for the purpose of submission of information on anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks from land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The common reporting format is a standardized format to be used by Parties for the electronic reporting of estimates of greenhouse gas emissions and removals and any other relevant information.

paragraphs 3 and 4, pursuant to Article 5 paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol in the second commitment period;

- 2. Recognizes that the information provided in the "Information table for accounting for activities under Articles 3.3 and 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol" included in the set of tables in the annex shall result neither in the issuance nor in cancellation of removal units for the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol for Parties included in Annex I without a quantified emission limitation or reduction commitment inscribed in the third column of Annex B in the Doha Amendment, as contained in annex I to decision 1/CMP.8;
- 3. Requests the secretariat to develop reporting software as part of the CRF Reporter for the tables referred to in paragraph 1 above to enable reporting by Parties under the Kyoto Protocol by 15 April 2015 in accordance with paragraph 2 of decision 2/CMP.8;
- 4. Requests the secretariat to make available to Parties included in Annex I, by June 2014 at the latest, the upgraded CRF Reporter in order to enable them to submit their inventories by the due date of 15 April 2015. In case the upgraded CRF Reporter is not available by June 2014, Parties may submit their greenhouse gas inventory after 15 April 2015 but not later than the corresponding delay in the CRF Reporter availability;
- 5. Reaffirms that, in accordance with decisions 2/CMP.6 and 2/CMP.7, the principles contained in paragraph 1 of decision 16/CMP.1 continue to govern the treatment of land use, land-use change and forestry activities;
- 6. *Decides* that for the second commitment period, reforestation activities under Article 3, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol will be limited to those occurring on lands that did not contain forest on 31 December 1989;
- 7. Also decides that the provisions contained in decision 16/CMP.1 and its annex shall not apply for the purposes of the second commitment period except for the principles in paragraph 1 of decision 16/CMP.1 and the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 16 of the annex to decision 16/CMP.1;
- 8. Further decides that, for the purpose of providing information on anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks from land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraph 3, forest management under Article 3, paragraph 4, and elected activities, if any, under Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol in the second commitment period, Parties included in Annex I shall apply the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, as implemented through the "Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual greenhouse gas inventories", in accordance with decision 4/CMP.7;
- 9. Also decides that, for the purpose of providing information referred to in paragraph 8 above in the second commitment period, Parties included in Annex I shall apply, as appropriate, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol in a manner consistent with decision 2/CMP.7, and consistent with decision -/CP.19 "Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual greenhouse gas inventories" and this decision;
- 10. Further decides that the 2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands shall apply for providing information on wetland drainage and rewetting elected activity under Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol in accordance with paragraph 11 of the annex to decision 2/CMP.7. The use of the 2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories:

Wetlands is encouraged but not mandatory for any other activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol;

- 11. Decides that, for the purpose of the second commitment period, all references to the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories or the IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories in decision 15/CMP.1 shall be read as references to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories as implemented through the "Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual greenhouse gas inventories" and the 2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol. References to chapter 7 of the IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories shall be read as chapter 4 of volume 1 of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories;
- 12. Also decides that the quantity amounting to 3.5 per cent of the base year greenhouse gas emissions excluding land use, land-use change and forestry referred to in paragraph 13 of the annex to decision 2/CMP.7 shall be calculated on the basis of the base year or period emissions reported in the annual greenhouse gas inventory report due by 15 April 2015, shall be included in the information communicated as part of the report to facilitate the calculation of a Party's assigned amount for the second commitment period, taking into account any corrections or adjustments made during the review process of that report under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, and shall remain fixed for the second commitment period.

#### **Annex**

### **Common reporting format tables**

Owing to the complexity and importance of colour coding in the common reporting format tables, they are not included in this document but are available on the UNFCCC website at <a href="http://unfccc.int/national\_reports/accounting\_reporting\_and\_review\_under\_the\_kyoto\_protocol/items/7969.php">http://unfccc.int/national\_reports/accounting\_reporting\_and\_review\_under\_the\_kyoto\_protocol/items/7969.php</a>.

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