

Decision -/CMP.17

Date of completion of the expert review process under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period

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

Recalling decisions Article 3, paragraph 1 bis, of the Kyoto Protocol, as amended,

Also recalling decisions 13/CMP.1, 14/CMP.1, 22/CMP.1, 3/CMP.11, 4/CMP.11, 10/CMP.11, 8/CMP.16 and 22/CP.26,

Further recalling decision 27/CMP.1, annex, chapter XIII, and decision 1/CMP.8, annex I, chapter C,

Clarifying that, with regard to decision 27/CMP.1, annex, chapter XIII, for the purposes of the second commitment period the reference to Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol shall be read as a reference to Article 3, paragraph 1 bis, of the Kyoto Protocol, as amended,

Emphasizing the importance of the expert review process under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol for the final year of the second commitment period in view of its central role in the assessment of each Party's compliance with its commitments under Article 3, paragraph 1 bis, of the Kyoto Protocol, as amended,

Recognizing that there may be difficulties in finalizing the annual review reports for the 2022 review process by 15 April 2023 owing to the complexity of the process, as it is the final review for the second commitment period,

Noting the timely submission of the annual submissions due in 2022 of Parties included in Annex I,¹

Also noting the need for Parties to continue to support and facilitate the review process, including through the participation of nominated national experts in the greenhouse gas inventory review process,

Recalling that the secretariat maintains a compilation and accounting database to compile and account for emissions and assigned amounts, pursuant to Article 3, paragraphs 7 bis, 8 and 8 bis, of the Kyoto Protocol, as amended, and of additions to, and subtractions from, assigned amounts, pursuant to the same paragraphs, for the accounting of the compliance assessment, in order to facilitate the assessment of the compliance of each Party included in Annex I with its commitments under Article 3, paragraph 1 bis, of the Kyoto Protocol, as amended,

1. *Decides* that the expert review process under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol for the final year of the second commitment period shall be completed by 1 June 2023 subject to the availability of resources, and *decides* that, if the expert review process is not completed by that date, it shall continue, and the date of completion shall be the date of publication of the final inventory review report for the final year of the second commitment period;

¹ As defined in Article 1, para. 7, of the Kyoto Protocol.

2. *Urges* Parties, expert review teams and the secretariat to expedite the review process in order to meet that deadline;
3. *Decides* that the report upon expiration of the additional period for fulfilling commitments for the second commitment period, covering the information required in decision 13/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 49, using the standard electronic format tables as agreed in decision 3/CMP.11, shall be submitted as soon as practicable but not later than 45 days after the expiration of the additional period for fulfilling commitments for the second commitment period (the true-up period);
4. *Also decides* that the secretariat shall produce, in electronic format, on 30 July 2023 and every four weeks thereafter until the month of completion of the true-up period, the following information for each Party included in Annex I with a commitment inscribed in the third column of Annex B in the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period, indicating clearly the source of the information:
 - (a) Inventory data for each year of the second commitment period;
 - (b) Total emissions over the second commitment period;
 - (c) Total quantity of units held in Party holding accounts, cancellation accounts and the retirement account;
5. *Further decides* that this information should include the total quantity of aggregated holdings in the clean development mechanism registry;
6. *Decides* that information on the review processes remaining to be completed should be provided by the secretariat together with the information referred to in paragraph 4 above, including information on which reviews are incomplete, which stage the incomplete review processes have reached, on what dates previous stages were completed and, to the extent possible, when outstanding stages are expected to be completed.
