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Article 6 of the Convention

Review of progress of work on Article 6 of the Convention

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its twenty-first session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session:

Draft decision -/CP.10

**Status of, and ways to enhance, implementation of the New Delhi work
programme on Article 6 of the Convention**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 6 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decision 11/CP.8,

Noting the report on progress achieved in implementing Article 6 of the Convention,¹

Reaffirming that the level and nature of climate change outreach activities continue to be driven by national circumstances and capacities, and that many Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention still lack the institutional, financial and technical capacities to plan, coordinate and implement sustainable education, training and public awareness programmes,

¹ FCCC/SBI/2004/15.

Reaffirming also that regional, subregional and national workshops are valuable forums for sharing experiences and lessons learned,

Recognizing the need to enhance access to, and visibility of, opportunities provided by the Global Environment Facility for funding Article 6 activities,

Having considered the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twenty-first session,

1. *Recognizes* that:
 - (a) Some Parties have gained experience in planning and implementing Article 6 activities, assessing their specific needs and identifying major obstacles, and that many have already learned from their national experiences;
 - (b) In some developing country Parties, awareness by the public of climate change and its impacts is very low, and that much work needs to be done by Parties to overcome this situation;
 - (c) Some intergovernmental, non-governmental and community-based organizations, as well as the private and public sectors, are working actively to raise awareness about, and increase understanding of, the causes and impacts of climate change as well as on adaptation and mitigation actions;
 - (d) It is essential to share experiences and lessons learned, identify specific opportunities for international and regional cooperation, and build partnership with all sectors of the economy;
2. *Invites* Parties and international organizations in a position to do so to support regional, subregional and national workshops, and the development and implementation of the information network clearing house;
3. *Urges* the Global Environment Facility to continue its work in improving the access to, and visibility of, opportunities for funding Article 6 activities and in providing information on Article 6 activities in its reports to the Conference of the Parties;
4. *Invites* Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) and Parties with economies in transition to emphasize the Article 6 components within the regular projects they submit to the Global Environment Facility for funding;
5. *Invites* Parties to elaborate on Article 6 activities within the context of implementing capacity-building activities;
6. *Encourages* Parties to identify and engage existing subregional and regional resources, including effective organizations and experts; successful programmes and initiatives; and cooperative agreements with regional and international partners;
7. *Recognizes* that the New Delhi work programme has proven to be an adequate framework for country-driven action;
8. *Decides* that the New Delhi work programme should continue to guide Parties in implementing Article 6 of the Convention;
9. *Decides also* to undertake the full review of the implementation of the New Delhi work programme in 2007;

10. *Requests* Parties to continue to report, within their national communications where possible, on their efforts to implement the New Delhi work programme;

11. *Invites* intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide information to the secretariat on progress achieved in responding to the Article 6 work programme;

12. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a report for the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its twenty-seventh session (November 2007), on progress achieved by Parties in implementing Article 6 of the Convention, based on information contained in national communications and other sources of information, and to facilitate coordinated inputs by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.
