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Decision 2/CP.16

Fourth review of the financial mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9, of the Convention,

Taking fully into account Article 11 of the Convention, in particular its paragraph 1,

Also recalling decisions 11/CP.1, 12/CP.2, 3/CP.4, 7/CP.7, 6/CP.13 and 3/CP.14,

Pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 2(h), of the Convention,

Noting that multilateral and bilateral agencies have scaled up financial resources related to the implementation of the Convention,

Also noting the annual report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties,

Taking note of the completion of the fifth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility that took place in Punta Del Este from 24 to 28 May 2010,

Further noting the report¹ on the Fourth Overall Performance Study of the Global Environment Facility,

1. *Takes note* of the findings of the Fourth Overall Performance Study, which was completed prior to the fifth replenishment, that:

(a) The Global Environment Facility support continues to be in line with guidance from the Conference of the Parties;

(b) Although developed country donors have provided new and additional funding for global environmental benefits to developing countries, this has been insufficient to cover the increasing agenda of the Global Environment Facility as agreed upon in the conventions;

(c) The Global Environment Facility support has been crucial in enabling countries to integrate climate change into their national development agendas;

(d) The Global Environment Facility support has assisted developing countries in introducing policies to address climate change and reduce and avoid greenhouse gas emissions;

(e) The Resource Allocation Framework has hindered the access of group countries to the Global Environment Facility, particularly in relation to climate change, which may explain some of the discontent of the climate change community with the Global Environment Facility;

(f) The Global Environment Facility reporting requirements to the conventions have generally been met, yet certain aspects require improvement;

(g) The move of the Global Environment Facility towards country-level programming has increased country ownership to some extent, but the current modalities for resource allocation require improvement;

¹ Global Environment Facility Evaluation Office. 2009. *Fourth Overall Performance Study of the GEF: Progress Toward Impact*. Full report.

(h) There is scope to further simplify and streamline the Global Environment Facility procedures, particularly the project identification phase, and improve timeliness throughout the project cycle;

(i) The Global Environment Facility needs a knowledge management strategy to improve learning and the sharing of best practices;

(j) The Global Environment Facility has played an important role in scaling up resources to address climate change;

2. *Welcomes* the successful negotiations of the fifth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility and notes that this is the largest increase in the climate change focal area since the Global Environment Facility was established, noting the increasing mitigation and adaptation needs of developing countries to be taken into account within the context of the Global Environment Facility;

3. *Decides* that the Global Environment Facility has provided and should continue to enhance its support to developing countries in:

(a) Meeting their commitments under the Convention;

(b) Strengthening national capacity-building;

(c) Applying and diffusing technologies, practices and processes for mitigation;

4. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue improving its modalities to increase the responsiveness, effectiveness and efficiency of its support, including:

(a) Being responsive to new guidance from the Conference of the Parties;

(b) Including in its reporting to the Conference of the Parties a critical assessment of its experience with implementation of projects, as well as its experience with incorporating guidance from the Conference of the Parties into its strategies and programme priorities;

(c) Enhancing modalities which reinforce country ownership and improve the allocation of resources;

(d) Further simplifying and improving its procedures, particularly those for the identification, preparation and approval of activities;

(e) Ensuring that access to resources is expeditious and timely;

(f) Enabling country-level programming, where appropriate;

(g) Ensuring consistency and complementarity with other financing activities;

(h) Promoting private-sector financing and investment to address climate change activities;

(i) Strengthening its knowledge management approach to share best practices;

5. *Decides* that the Global Environment Facility should continue to provide and enhance support for the implementation of adaptation activities, including the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, through the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;

6. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, in its regular report to the Conference of the Parties, to include information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above;

7. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, no later than 10 weeks prior to the subsequent session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations

in writing on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Global Environment Facility;

8. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate the fifth review of the financial mechanism at its thirty-seventh session in accordance with the criteria contained in the guidelines annexed to decisions 3/CP.4 and 6/CP.13, or as these guidelines may be subsequently amended, and to report on the outcome to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session.

*9th plenary meeting
10–11 December 2010*

Decision 3/CP.16

Additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the reports of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties,¹

Recalling decision 12/CP.2,

Further noting the reform of the Global Environment Facility designed to improve its modalities to increase the responsiveness, effectiveness and efficiency of the support given to all developing countries, including the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources,

1. *Calls on* the Global Environment Facility to complete its reforms as early as possible in order to facilitate the successful implementation of the fifth replenishment cycle of the Global Environment Facility;
2. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility in the implementation of these reforms to give full information to countries, in particular in relation to the implications of these reforms on the activities conducted by the Global Environment Facility;
3. *Urges* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to increase access to funding for activities related to Article 6 of the Convention;
4. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility:
 - (a) To continue to provide funds for technical support for the preparation of national communications of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), similar to that provided by the National Communications Support Programme, recognizing that the costs of such technical support are not deducted from the funds provided to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their national communications;
 - (b) To ensure that the expedited process under the operational procedures continues to provide timely disbursement of funds to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their national communications;
 - (c) To work with its implementing agencies to further simplify its procedures and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the process through which non-Annex I Parties receive funding to meet their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, with the aim of ensuring the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with these obligations, and to avoid gaps between enabling activities of current and subsequent national communications, recognizing that the process of preparation of national communications is a continuous cycle;
 - (d) To finalize any remaining operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds for those Parties that decide to access resources for the preparation of their national communications through direct access;

¹ FCCC/CP/2009/9 and FCCC/CP/2010/5.

(e) To provide detailed information on funding for projects that have been identified in the national communications of non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and subsequently submitted and approved.

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Decision 4/CP.16

Assessment of the Special Climate Change Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of Articles 4 and 11 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 4/CP.7, 5/CP.7, 7/CP.7, 7/CP.8 and 5/CP.9,

Expressing its appreciation to Parties included in Annex II to the Convention that contributed to the Special Climate Change Fund to support the activities relating to adaptation and technology transfer,

Noting the information on the Special Climate Change Fund provided through the annual reports of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties,

Decides to conclude the assessment of the status of implementation of paragraph 2 of decision 1/CP.12 and to request the entity entrusted with the operation of the Special Climate Change Fund to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session information on the implementation of paragraph 2 (a–d) of decision 7/CP.7.

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Decision 5/CP.16

Further guidance for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 6/CP.9, 3/CP.11 and 5/CP.14,

Further recalling the least developed countries work programme, as defined in decision 5/CP.7,

Noting the importance of updating and revising the national adaptation programme of action process over time,

Further noting with appreciation the contributions of some Parties to the Least Developed Countries Fund,

Noting the positive efforts made by the Global Environment Facility and its agencies to facilitate access to funding under the Least Developed Countries Fund,

Also noting the increasing need of least developed country Parties to implement the urgent and immediate adaptation activities identified in their national adaptation programmes of action,

Reiterating the need to implement national adaptation programmes of action as soon as possible after completion,

1. *Reiterates* its request to the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention operating the Least Developed Countries Fund, in parallel to supporting the ongoing implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, to facilitate the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme;
2. *Also reiterates* its request to the Global Environment Facility to work with its agencies to improve communication with least developed country Parties and to speed up the process by, for instance, establishing a time frame within which least developed country Parties can access funding and other support for the preparation and implementation of projects identified in their national adaptation programmes of action;
3. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to provide funding from the Least Developed Countries Fund to least developed country Parties, upon request, to enable the update of their national adaptation programmes of action with a view to further improving their quality, to facilitate the integration of least developed countries adaptation actions into development planning and to reflect increased adaptation knowledge and changed priorities in the countries;
4. *Invites* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to continue contributing, and other Parties in a position to do so to contribute, to the Least Developed Countries Fund for the implementation of the least developed countries work programme;
5. *Also invites* Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 1 August 2012, information on their experience with the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, and in accessing funds from the Least Developed

Countries Fund, for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-seventh session;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the progress made in the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, taking into account information from the Global Environment Facility and its agencies, the submissions referred to in paragraph 5 above, reports of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and other relevant sources of information, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-seventh session;

7. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to review, at its thirty-seventh session, the experiences of the least developed countries with the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, and in accessing funds from the Least Developed Countries Fund, on the basis of the submissions referred to in paragraph 5 above and the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 6 above;

8. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to include, in its reports to the Conference of the Parties, information on specific steps it has taken to implement this decision, for consideration by the Conference of Parties at its subsequent sessions;

9. *Decides* to assess progress made in the implementation of this decision and to consider the adoption of further guidance, as appropriate, at its eighteenth session.

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10–11 December 2010*

Decision 6/CP.16

Extension of the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.10, 4/CP.11 and 8/CP.13,

Recognizing the specific needs and special situation of the least developed countries under Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Having considered the reports on the seventeenth and eighteenth meetings of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the report on possible elements for a future mandate for the group and the report on the training workshops on the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action,¹

Expressing its appreciation to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group for its good work in implementing its work programme for 2008–2010, supporting the preparation and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action and conducting regional training workshops on the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action,

Noting that the least developed country Parties continue to require technical support for the preparation, update and implementation of their national adaptation programmes of action,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group under its current terms of reference;²
2. *Also decides* that the Least Developed Countries Expert Group should be mandated to provide technical guidance and advice on:
 - (a) The revision and update of national adaptation programmes of action, to further improve their quality, to facilitate the integration of adaptation actions of least developed country Parties into development planning and to reflect increased adaptation knowledge and changed priorities in the countries, upon request by least developed country Parties;
 - (b) The identification of medium- and long-term adaptation needs, their integration into development planning and the implementation of identified adaptation activities;
 - (c) Strengthening gender-related considerations and considerations regarding vulnerable communities within least developed country Parties;
 - (d) The implementation of the elements of the least developed countries work programme other than the preparation and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action that are relevant to the expertise of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;
3. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to develop a two-year rolling programme of work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its first sessional meeting of each year, and to report on its work to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at each of its sessions;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2010/5, FCCC/SBI/2010/26, FCCC/SBI/2010/12 and FCCC/SBI/2010/15.

² Decisions 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.11 and 8/CP.13.

4. *Decides* that the membership of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group should be expanded from 12 to 13 members in order to include one additional member from a least developed country Party;
5. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to engage a wide range of organizations to support the implementation of its work programme;
6. *Decides* that, consistent with decision 7/CP.9, paragraph 2, new experts may be nominated to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, or existing members of the group may continue in office, as determined by the respective regions or groups;
7. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to facilitate the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;
8. *Decides* to review, at its twenty-first session, the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, and to adopt a decision thereon;
9. *Also decides* on the following actions and steps necessary for the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate the review at its forty-second session, with a view to complete the review referred to in paragraph 8 above at its twenty-first session:
 - (a) To request the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to convene a meeting, including Parties, the Global Environment Facility and its agencies, and other relevant organizations, with the assistance of the secretariat, to take stock of its work, before June 2015;
 - (b) To invite Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 1 February 2015, their views on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-second session;
 - (c) To request the secretariat to prepare a report on the stocktaking meeting for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-second session, as input to the review;
 - (d) To request the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, based on the submissions from Parties, reports of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the report on the stocktaking meeting and other relevant information, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-second session, as input to the review.

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10–11 December 2010*

Decision 7/CP.16

Progress in, and ways to enhance, the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 6 of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 9/CP.13,

Reaffirming the importance of Article 6 of the Convention and the continued relevance of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention,

Acknowledging the progress made by Parties in planning, coordinating and implementing education, training and public awareness activities,

Recognizing that ensuring the availability of sufficient financial and technical resources continues to be a challenge for the adequate implementation of Article 6 of the Convention for all Parties, in particular developing countries,

Reaffirming that national, regional and subregional workshops are valuable forums for sharing experiences and lessons learned and for advancing the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention,

Welcoming the contributions of the Governments of Australia, Belgium, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America in support of the regional and subregional workshops organized by the secretariat in 2009 and 2010,¹

Reaffirming that the information network clearing house CC:iNet is a useful tool for promoting the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention,

Having considered submissions from Parties and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations² and documents prepared by the secretariat to support the intermediate review of the amended New Delhi work programme,³

1. *Recognizes* that:

(a) Parties have continued to progress and gain experience in implementing Article 6 of the Convention, including through the wide range of educational and outreach activities that they have undertaken;

(b) Article 6 related activities have been a component of a significant number of projects developed by intergovernmental, non-governmental and community-based organizations, and private- and public-sector actors;

¹ The European regional workshop on Article 6 of the Convention, 18–20 May 2009, Stockholm, Sweden; the regional workshop on the implementation of Article 6 in Asia and the Pacific, 14–16 October 2009, Bali, Indonesia; the regional workshop on the implementation of Article 6 in Latin America and the Caribbean, 27–30 April 2010, Bavaro, the Dominican Republic; the regional workshop on the implementation of Article 6 in Africa, 13–16 September 2010, Banjul, the Gambia; and the regional workshop on the implementation of Article 6 in small island developing States, 2–4 November 2010, Mahé, Seychelles.

² FCCC/SBI/2010/MISC.7.

³ FCCC/SBI/2010/2, FCCC/SBI/2010/3, FCCC/SBI/2010/19, FCCC/SBI/2010/22, FCCC/SBI/2010/23 and FCCC/SBI/2010/24.

(c) Notwithstanding the progress made with respect to the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention, many challenges remain;

2. *Invites* Parties, with a view to enhancing the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme:

(a) To designate a national focal point on Article 6, if Parties have not already done so, and to inform the secretariat accordingly;

(b) To foster networking, coordination and exchange of information between relevant stakeholders at the national, regional and international levels;

(c) To enhance efforts to elaborate national strategies and action plans on Article 6 of the Convention, including climate change communication strategies, taking into account, inter alia, the gender perspective;

(d) To enhance the involvement of, and create training opportunities for, groups with a key role in climate change communication and education, including journalists, teachers, youth, children and community leaders;

(e) To foster the participation of women, youth, indigenous peoples, civil society groups and relevant stakeholders in decision-making on climate change at the national level and their attendance at intergovernmental meetings, including sessions of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the subsidiary bodies;

(f) To improve reporting on education, training and public awareness activities through national communications;

(g) To improve public access to information on, and public awareness of, adaptation and mitigation;

(h) To support formal education in schools and institutions at all levels, non-formal and informal education on climate change and the development of educational and public awareness materials according to national circumstances and cultural context;

3. *Also invites* all Parties and international organizations to enhance support to the national focal points on Article 6 of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, through the provision of information, materials, training of trainers programmes and regional and national projects on topics relating to education, training and public awareness;

4. *Further invites* Parties in a position to do so and international organizations and bilateral and multilateral agencies to continue to support the convening of regional, subregional and national workshops focusing on specific elements of Article 6 of the Convention, and the maintenance and further development of the information network clearing house CC:iNet;

5. *Urges* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to increase access to funding for Article 6 related activities;

6. *Encourages* intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to enhance their efforts to respond to the amended New Delhi work programme and to share information on their respective activities through the information network clearing house CC:iNet and other information sources;

7. *Requests* the secretariat:
- (a) To initiate and facilitate networking and exchange of information and good practices between national focal points on Article 6, including through the information network clearing house CC:iNet;
 - (b) To continue collaborating with international organizations, convention secretariats and the private sector with a view to catalysing action on education, information exchange, training and public awareness;
 - (c) To continue, subject to the availability of financial resources, its work on maintaining, developing and promoting the information network clearing house CC:iNet, by improving its functionality and accessibility and increasing the content in the official languages of the United Nations;
8. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop, at its thirty-fourth session, terms of reference for a review of the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme, with a view to launching the review at its thirty-sixth session.

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10–11 December 2010*

Decision 8/CP.16

Continuation of activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.1, 10/CP.3, 13/CP.5, 8/CP.7, 14/CP.8, 10/CP.10, 6/CP.12, and 7/CP.14,

Having considered the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its thirty-third session,

Acknowledging that activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase have been providing an opportunity for learning-by-doing and that a number of Parties are maintaining programmes on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase,

Noting that reports on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase may be submitted at any time and are available on the UNFCCC website,

1. *Decides* to continue the pilot phase for activities implemented jointly;
2. *Also decides* that the deadline for the submission of reports on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase to be considered in the eighth synthesis report on such activities shall be 1 June 2012.

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10–11 December 2010*

Decision 9/CP.16

National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), Article 12 and other relevant provisions of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 2/CP.1, 3/CP.1, 6/CP.3, 11/CP.4, 4/CP.5, 26/CP.7, 33/CP.7, 4/CP.8, 1/CP.9, 7/CP.11 and 10/CP.13,

Emphasizing that the national communications and annual greenhouse gas inventories submitted by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention are the main source of information for reviewing the implementation of the Convention by these Parties, and that the reports of the in-depth reviews of these national communications provide important additional information for this purpose,

1. *Acknowledges* the considerable improvement in timeliness of the submission of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), with 16 Annex I Parties submitting their fifth national communications before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 10/CP.13, although 23 Annex I Parties submitted after that date and two Annex I Parties have yet to submit their fifth national communications;
2. *Urges* Annex I Parties that have not yet submitted their national communications in accordance with decision 10/CP.13 to do so as a matter of priority;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare the compilation and synthesis of fifth national communications for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session;
4. *Concludes* that the review of national communications and the consideration of the outcomes of this review have proved useful and should continue in accordance with decisions 2/CP.1, 6/CP.3 and 11/CP.4;
5. *Requests* Annex I Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 1 January 2014, a sixth national communication, in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention, with a view to submitting a seventh national communication no later than four years after this date.

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Decision 10/CP.16

Capacity-building under the Convention for developing countries

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 8/CP.15,

1. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to continue its consideration of the second comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries at its thirty-fourth session on the basis of the draft text contained in the annex to this decision, with a view to preparing a draft decision on the outcome of this review for adoption by the Conference of Parties at its seventeenth session;
2. *Decides* to complete the consideration of the second comprehensive review at its seventeenth session.

Draft decision -/CP.16

Capacity-building under the Convention for developing countries

[The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 2/CP.7, 2/CP.10, 4/CP.12, 6/CP.14 and 8/CP.15,

Acknowledging that capacity-building for developing countries is essential to enable them to participate fully in, and implement effectively their commitments under, the Convention,

Reaffirming that decision 2/CP.7 remains effective and should continue to guide the implementation of capacity-building activities in developing countries,

Noting that a range of the priority issues identified in the framework for capacity-building in developing countries is being supported by Parties included in Annex II of the Convention, the Global Environment Facility and other multilateral, bilateral and international agencies, [the private sector] and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

[Also noting that gaps still remain and the availability of and access to financial and technical resources is still an issue to be addressed, in order to progress qualitatively and quantitatively on the capacity-building implementation,]

[Acknowledging that capacity-building is a country-driven and learning-by-doing process that responds to the specific needs and priorities of the countries concerned,

Having considered the information in documents prepared by the secretariat in support of the second comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries and submissions by Parties on the issue,^{1]}

1. *Decides* that the scope of needs and priority areas identified in the framework for capacity-building in developing countries, as contained in decision 2/CP.7, and the key factors identified in decision 2/CP.10 are still relevant;
2. *Further decides* that new capacity-building needs and priorities in developing countries emerging from the processes and initiatives launched after the completion of the first comprehensive review as well as from the negotiations under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention will need to be taken into account in the further implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries;
3. *Also decides* that further implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries should be improved at the systemic, institutional and individual levels as appropriate, by:
 - (a) Ensuring consultations with stakeholders throughout the entire process of activities, from the design of activities to their implementation and monitoring and evaluation;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.1, FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.2, FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.8, FCCC/SBI/2009/MISC.12/Rev.1, FCCC/SBI/2009/4, FCCC/SBI/2009/5 and FCCC/SBI/2009/10.

- (b) Enhancing integration of climate change issues and capacity-building needs into national development strategies, plans and budgets;
- (c) Increased country-driven coordination of capacity-building activities;
- (d) Strengthened networking and information sharing among developing countries, especially through South-South and triangular cooperation;
- (e) [Building on existing skills and capacities [, where available,] [, as appropriate,] related to development [and implementation of capacity-building activities] [and delivery of reporting, including national communications [and inventories]];
- (e bis) Developing and/or strengthening skills and capacities related to the implementation of climate change related activities;]
- (f) [Strengthening local, national and regional research institutions;]

4. Decides to establish an expert group on capacity-building with the terms of reference contained in the annex to this decision;]
5. *Further decides* that the next and subsequent comprehensive reviews of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries will be undertaken using simple[, practical and cost-effective] [and effective] performance indicators developed by the expert group referred to in paragraph 7 above;]
6. *Requests* the secretariat to improve the process for regularly gathering and disseminating information on capacity-building activities in developing countries, recognizing the usefulness of information on capacity-building deriving from the compilation and synthesis of national communications, annual submissions by Parties and other documents relevant to this effort, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility and its agencies and bilateral and multilateral agencies, as appropriate;]
7. *Invites* Parties to enhance reporting on best practices related to capacity-building in their national communications, submissions and other relevant documents, with a view to furthering learning and broadening the impact of capacity-building activities;
8. [*Requests*] [Reiterates the request to] the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, to [increase] [continue to provide financial] [its] support to capacity-building activities in developing countries in accordance with decisions 2/CP.7 and 4/CP.9;
9. *Urges* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other Parties that are in a position to do so, multilateral, bilateral and international agencies and the private sector to continue providing financial resources to support capacity-building action in developing countries;
10. *Invites* relevant United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations to continue providing support for capacity-building efforts in developing countries, emphasizing and stressing the need for full involvement of developing countries in the conception and development of such activities;
11. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body of Implementation, at its fortieth session, to initiate a third comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries, with a view to completing the review at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties.]

Decision 11/CP.16

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 12/CP.15, which approved the programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011 and requested the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth session on income and budget performance, and to propose any adjustments that might be needed in the programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011,

Also recalling paragraph 11 of the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties,¹

Having considered the information in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,²

I. Audited financial statements for the biennium 2008–2009

1. *Takes note* of the audited financial statements for the biennium 2008–2009, the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors, which includes recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audits of the accounts of the Convention and for the valuable observations and recommendations of the auditors;
3. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate;

II. Budget performance for the biennium 2010–2011

4. *Takes note* of the reporting on budget performance for the biennium 2010–2011 as at 30 June 2010 and of the updated status of contributions as at 15 November 2010 to the trust funds administered by the secretariat;
5. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that have paid their contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
6. *Calls upon* Parties that have not paid their contributions to the core budget to do so without delay, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions received from Parties to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities, especially for the generous contributions for the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

² FCCC/SBI/2010/13, FCCC/SBI/2010/14 and Add.1 and 2, FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.5/Rev.1 and FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.9.

8. *Urges* Parties to further contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations in 2011, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;

9. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government to the secretariat in Bonn;

III. Continuing review of the functions and operations of the secretariat

10. *Notes* the information relating to the functions and operations of the secretariat as contained in relevant documents, particularly that contained in document FCCC/SBI/2009/11;

11. *Agrees* that the Subsidiary Body for Implementation should consider this matter at its thirty-fifth session, in keeping with its decision taken at its twenty-first session to continue to consider this matter annually;³

IV. Programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-fourth session, a proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013;

13. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, when preparing the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013, to prepare a contingency for funding conference services, should this prove necessary in the light of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session;

14. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to recommend, at its thirty-fourth session, a programme budget for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session and by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its seventh session;

15. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to authorize the Executive Secretary to notify Parties of their indicative contributions for 2012 on the basis of the recommended budget.

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³ FCCC/SBI/2004/19, paragraph 105.

Decision 12/CP.16

Dates and venues of future sessions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 9/CP.14,

Further recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Recalling rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied, regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

Noting that in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, and in the light of recent consultations among the groups, the President of the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties would come from the African Group, the President of the eighteenth session would come from the Asian Group and the President of the nineteenth session would come from the Eastern European Group,

A. Date and venue of the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

1. *Recalls* that the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol shall be held in Durban, South Africa, from 28 November to 9 December 2011;
2. *Reiterates* its request to the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of South Africa and to negotiate a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the thirty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

B. Date and venue of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

3. *Takes note* of the offers of the Governments of Qatar and the Republic of Korea to host the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;
4. *Invites* Parties to consult further on the host of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, with a view to concluding these consultations not later than the thirty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its thirty-fourth session, to consider the issue of the host of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, taking into account the offers and consultations referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session;

C. Date and venue of the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

6. *Invites* Parties to come forward with offers to host the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

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Resolution 1/CP.16

Expression of gratitude to the Government of the United Mexican States, the State of Quintana Roo and the people of the city of Cancun

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

Having met in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010 at the invitation of the Government of the United Mexican States,

1. *Express their profound gratitude* to the Government of the United Mexican States for having made it possible for the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to be held in Cancun;
2. *Request* the Government of the United Mexican States to convey to the State of Quintana Roo and the people of Cancun the gratitude of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol for the hospitality and warmth extended to the participants.

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