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Nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties

Submissions by the African Group

1. On 3 October 2011, the secretariat received one submission from a group of Parties. The secretariat was requested to issue a conference room paper containing this submission.
2. The submission is attached and reproduced¹ in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

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Submission for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-Term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) on non-Annex I nationally appropriate mitigation actions, measurement, reporting and verification, and international consultation and analysis

Draft decision proposed by the African Group for COP 17 (Durban)

Recalling the objective, principles and provisions of the Convention and its decisions 1/CP.13 and 1/CP.16;

REGISTRY

1. *Recalls* Article 4 of the Convention which provides that all Parties, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities and their specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances, shall formulate, implement, publish and regularly update national and, where appropriate, regional programmes containing measures to mitigate climate change by addressing anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, and measures to facilitate adequate adaptation to climate change;
2. *Recalls* Article 12 of the Convention which provides that developing country Parties may, on a voluntary basis, propose projects for financing, including specific technologies, materials, equipment, techniques or practices that would be needed to implement such projects, along with, if possible, an estimate of all incremental costs, of the reductions of emissions and increments of removals of greenhouse gases, as well as an estimate of the consequent benefits;
3. *Recalls* its decision 1/CP.16 to set up a registry to record nationally appropriate mitigation actions seeking international support and to facilitate matching of finance, technology and capacity-building support for these actions;
4. *Decides* that for individual nationally appropriate mitigation actions seeking international support, non-Annex I Parties are to submit information on:
 - a. A description of the mitigation action;
 - b. The expected time frame for implementation;
 - c. Indicators of implementation of the action; (not tons, but others, e.g. GW)
 - d. Its estimate of the incremental costs of the mitigation action;
 - e. The technology transfer requested
 - f. Capacity-building required to implement the mitigation action, and an estimate of the full agreed costs of activities enabling the action;
 - g. Its estimate of the mitigation result, understanding that the commitment is to implement the action and not to the outcome; and
 - h. Benefits for local sustainable development.
5. *Agrees* that the registry shall be structured in a manner that allows for the full range of diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions;
6. *Decides* that the nationally appropriate mitigation actions submitted to the registry shall be checked by the Secretariat to ensure completeness of information of indicative mitigation actions submitted;
7. *Decides* that registration of a nationally appropriate mitigation action shall, at the discretion of the developing country submitting the action, trigger a request to the Financial Mechanism and Technology Mechanism of the Convention to facilitate the matching of support;
8. *Decides* that the registry shall further facilitate matching of action and support by:
 - a. Recording information on support available and support required;

- b. Providing assistance to non-Annex I Parties in submitting their indicative nationally appropriate mitigation actions to appropriate sources of funding and technology support; and
 - c. Enabling matching to occur in the body or bodies providing support.
9. *Decides* that, subsequent to the matching, the registry will record the both the action and matched support at the same time;
10. *Agrees* that all nationally appropriate mitigation actions will be reported by non-Annex I Parties in their national communications;
11. *Requests* the thirty sixth session of the Subsidiary Bodies to further elaborate the functions of the registry with a view to adopting a decision at the eighteenth Conference of the Parties;
12. *Agrees* that the only nationally appropriate mitigation actions submitted by non-Annex I Parties expressly for the purpose of inclusion in the registry shall be so included by the Secretariat; aggregate nationally appropriate mitigation actions pursuant to paragraph 49 of decision 1/CP.16 shall not be included in the registry automatically, but only if the developing country concerned requests such inclusion;

LOW-CARBON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

1. *Decides* that one form of nationally appropriate mitigation actions is a low-carbon development strategy, which may be developed voluntarily by non-Annex I Parties in a bottom-up, country-driven process, through the design of nationally appropriate mitigation actions;
2. *Agrees* that low-carbon development strategies shall not be a precondition for support of other individual nationally appropriate mitigation actions;

BIENNIAL REPORTS AND BIENNIAL UPDATE REPORTS BY NON-ANNEX I PARTIES

1. *Affirms* that the frequency of non-Annex I national communications every four years constitutes enhanced reporting;
2. *Agrees* that enhanced reporting is an important contribution to measurement, reporting and verification by developing countries;
3. *Decides* that the guidelines for biennial reports and update reports by non-Annex I Parties shall respect the diversity of mitigation actions and, in that context, develop reporting requirements that provide maximum flexibility for non-Annex I Parties to report information, while providing a common understanding of actions taken;
4. *Agrees* that biennial reports falling in years in which a national communication is submitted are a sub-set of information in that national communication;
5. *Decides* that information to be updated two years after a national communication shall be the biennial update report, and that information included shall be limited to information where material changes have taken place since the last national communication, including:
 - a. Updates of national greenhouse gas inventories;
 - b. National inventory report;
 - c. Information on mitigation actions; and
 - d. Needs.

6. *Agrees* that the full agreed costs of the enhanced reporting requirements for non-Annex I Parties shall be provided by developed country Parties.
7. *Decides* that the reporting of finance provided by developed country Parties shall be verified against the finance received by developing countries, and that non-Annex I Parties shall include information on support received in their biennial reports as part of national communications;

MRV OF MITIGATION ACTIONS BY NON-ANNEX I PARTIES

Reaffirms that nationally appropriate mitigation actions seeking international support will be subject to international measurement, reporting and verification and will not be the subject of international consultation and analysis;

Reaffirms that domestically funded mitigation actions will be domestically measured, reported and verified in accordance with the general guidelines to be agreed (including the guidelines on biennial reports, above) and will be the subject of international consultation and analysis;

Agrees that all measurement, reporting and verification processes for non-Annex I Parties start with domestic measurement, reporting and verification and general guidelines should be developed as a starting point;

Encourages non-Annex I Parties to develop domestic measurement, reporting and verification systems as soon as possible.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION AND ANALYSIS (ICA)

Reiterates that international consultation and analysis shall be non-intrusive, non-punitive and respectful of national sovereignty;

Reaffirms that the aims of international consultation and analysis are to increase transparency of mitigation actions;

Recalls that the implementation of mitigation actions by non-Annex I Parties depends on the extent of support provided by developed country Parties;

INPUTS

1. *Decides* that international consultation and analysis applies to voluntary mitigation action by developing countries, that supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions are internationally measured, reported and verified and do not require international consultation and analysis, and that the focus of international consultation and analysis shall be on domestically funded actions, in particular to provide for international verification for domestically funded mitigation actions;
2. *Further decides* that the information subject to international consultation and analysis shall be contained in the biennial reports that coincide with national communications by non-Annex I Parties submitted every four years and the set of information subject to international consultation and analysis shall be limited to:
 - a. National greenhouse gas inventories and inventory reports;
 - b. Information on mitigation actions taken and envisaged;
 - c. Progress in implementation of mitigation actions initiated but not completed
 - d. Information on domestic measurement, reporting and verification;

PROCESS

3. *Agrees* that the process:

- a. Shall start with and be based upon information submitted by developing country Parties;
 - b. Will allow questions on the above to be submitted in writing by other Parties via the Secretariat;
 - c. May include questions are based on analysis by technical experts in consultation with the Party concerned; and
 - d. Will allow the non-Annex I Party concerned to provide written answers to the Secretariat;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to compile, for all information submitted in the previous 4 years, the information submitted by developing country Parties together with the written questions and answers in a miscellaneous document;
 5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to undertake international consultation and analysis as a facilitative sharing of views, in a Party-driven process that respects national sovereignty, on the basis of the information in the compilation document above;

OUTPUT

6. *Reaffirms* that international consultation and analysis will result in a summary report by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;
 7. *Agrees* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may take note of the discussions during the session in its conclusions;
 8. *Encourages* non-Annex I Parties to make use of international consultation and analysis to promote continuous learning and improvement of their mitigation actions.
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