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of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**
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Agenda item 5(a)

Issues relating to joint implementation

Guidance relating to joint implementation

**Guidance on the implementation of Article 6 of
the Kyoto Protocol**

Proposal by the President

Draft decision -/CMP.9

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the Kyoto Protocol**

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

Recalling the provisions of Articles 3 and 6 of the Kyoto Protocol and decision 1/CMP.6,

Cognizant of decisions 2/CMP.1 and 9/CMP.1, as well as subsequent guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol relating to joint implementation,

Also cognizant of decision 1/CMP.8,

1. *Welcomes* the achievements of joint implementation during the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, accounting for 547 Track 1 projects,¹ 52 Track 2 projects,² 11 accredited independent entities and 840 million emission reduction units issued for emission reductions generated before the end of 2012;

2. *Expresses* concern regarding the difficult market situation currently faced by participants in joint implementation and the consequent loss of institutional capacity related

¹ Decision 9/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 23.

² The verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee, defined in decision 9/CMP.1, annex, paragraphs 30–45.

to the mechanism, which is threatening the value of joint implementation as a tool for Parties to collaborate in achieving the objective of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

3. *Stresses* the need to improve joint implementation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol in contributing to the achievement of the objective of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the annual report for 2012–2013 of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee,³ and the status of work undertaken by the Committee, in particular:

(a) The additional recommendations and transitional measures for reviewing the “Guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol”;⁴

(b) The recommendation with regard to establishing a unified accreditation system for both project-based mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol, namely the clean development mechanism and joint implementation;

5. *Requests* the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee to submit elaborated recommendations on the accreditation system for joint implementation aligned with that of the clean development mechanism, taking into consideration decision 6/CMP.8, paragraph 15(b), for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fortieth session (June 2014);

6. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider the work requested in paragraph 5 above at its fortieth session;

7. *Recalls* decision 9/CMP.1, paragraph 4, according to which joint implementation projects aimed at enhancing anthropogenic removals by sinks shall conform to definitions, accounting rules, modalities and guidelines under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol;

8. *Welcomes* the information presented on the UNFCCC joint implementation website⁵ regarding the number of emission reduction units issued by Parties;

9. *Expresses* its deep appreciation to the Parties that have contributed to funding the work on joint implementation;

10. *Takes note* of the improved financial situation for joint implementation, in particular resulting from the continued collection of fees for Track 1 projects.

³ FCCC/KP/CMP/2013/4 and Corr.1.

⁴ Decision 9/CMP.1, annex.

⁵ <<http://ji.unfccc.int/index.html>>.