

## Decision \_\_/CMP.3

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

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

*Mindful* of the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2,

*Recalling* the provisions of Articles 3 and 6 of the Kyoto Protocol,

*Cognizant* of decisions 2/CMP.1, 9/CMP.1 and its annex (joint implementation guidelines), 10/CMP.1, 2/CMP.2 and 3/CMP.2,

*Recognizing* that the work on joint implementation can be accomplished only if sufficient financial and human resources are available to support the work of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee,

*Expressing* its appreciation to Parties that have contributed to funding the work on joint implementation,

*Recalling* paragraph 7 of decision 9/CMP.1, which states that any administrative costs arising from procedures contained in the joint implementation guidelines relating to the functions of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee shall be borne by both the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and the project participants,

*Welcoming* the provision of information to the secretariat, in accordance with paragraph 20 of the joint implementation guidelines, from 30 Parties on their designated focal points and from 21 Parties on their national guidelines and procedures for approving joint implementation projects,

*Reminding* Parties wishing to be involved in joint implementation projects that information in accordance with paragraph 20 of the joint implementation guidelines shall be provided to the secretariat,

*Reiterating* that a Party hosting a joint implementation project shall make publicly available information on the project in accordance with paragraph 28 of the joint implementation guidelines,

*Recognizing* the shift in focus of the work of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee towards handling project cases, the progress the Committee has made in accreditation of applicant independent entities and the potential for the volume of work of the Committee to increase in the 2008–2009 biennium,

*Reiterating* the importance of ensuring the efficient, cost-effective and transparent functioning of joint implementation and the executive and supervisory role of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee,

*Noting* the importance of ensuring privileges and immunities for the members and alternate members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee and the members of its subcommittees, panels and/or working groups,

*Stressing* the importance of constituencies nominating members and alternate members to the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee who have the required qualifications and sufficient time to serve on the Committee and to perform the functions as indicated in the joint implementation management plan 2008–2009,<sup>1</sup> in order to ensure that the Committee has the necessary expertise in, inter alia, financial, environmental and joint implementation regulatory matters and executive decision-making,

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2007/4 (Part II).

## I. General

1. *Invites* Parties wishing to be involved in joint implementation projects to provide to the secretariat information in accordance with paragraph 20 of the joint implementation guidelines if this information has not been previously provided;
2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the annual report of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee for 2006–2007,<sup>2</sup> including information on the work programme and budget of the Committee, as well as on the decisions taken and on guidance and clarifications provided to assist project participants;
3. *Takes note with appreciation* that 102 project design documents and 2 determinations regarding project design documents have been made publicly available in accordance with paragraphs 32 and 34 of the joint implementation guidelines and that numerous assessment activities have been undertaken regarding 15 applications for accreditation of independent entities;
4. *Requests* the secretariat, inter alia, with a view to establishing an overview of all joint implementation projects, to develop a Web-based interface that shall be used by designated focal points of Parties that have provided information in accordance with paragraph 20 of the joint implementation guidelines and host joint implementation projects to:
  - (a) Provide transparent access to project information published in accordance with paragraph 28 of the joint implementation guidelines;
  - (b) Provide information to the international transaction log on the establishment of joint implementation projects implemented in accordance with paragraph 23 of the joint implementation guidelines;
  - (c) Receive project identifiers of joint implementation projects issued by the joint implementation information system, thereby ensuring their uniqueness, and used by the international transaction log;

## II. Governance

5. *Commends* the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee for maintaining a joint implementation management plan, in particular for the version made available to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its third session pursuant to provisions in paragraph 4 of decision 3/CMP.2; for implementing measures aimed at strengthening the joint implementation process, inter alia, taking into account the experience of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism; and for its responsiveness to the needs of Parties, project participants, stakeholders and the general public, given the limited resources available;
6. *Encourages* the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee:
  - (a) To continue to keep the management plan under review and make adjustments as necessary to ensure the efficient, cost-effective and transparent functioning of joint implementation;
  - (b) To enhance its interaction with applicant and accredited independent entities and designated focal points, as well as stakeholders, as proposed in the joint implementation management plan;
  - (c) To further emphasize its executive and supervisory role by, inter alia, ensuring effective use and strengthening of its support structure, including its subcommittees, panels and/or working groups, other outside expertise and the secretariat;

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<sup>2</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2007/4 (Parts I and II).

7. *Notes with appreciation* the information on decisions of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee and on the status of work undertaken by the Committee, as reflected on the UNFCCC joint implementation website maintained by the secretariat;

### **III. Resources for the work on joint implementation**

8. *Notes* the information provided by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee regarding the recommended revision to the provisions for the charging of fees to cover administrative costs relating to the activities of the Committee, incorporating preferential treatment of joint implementation small-scale projects with regard to advance payments on the fee for processing of verification reports, as contained in annex I to document FCCC/KP/CMP/2007/4 (Part I);

9. *Endorses* the revision to the fee structure as recommended by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee;

10. *Notes* that income from the charging of fees to cover administrative costs relating to the activities of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee will accrue during the biennium 2008–2009 and that income from fees may cover the administrative expenses only as of 2010 at the earliest;

11. *Urges* Parties included in Annex I to the Convention to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities for funding the work on joint implementation in the biennium 2008–2009 as of early 2008, which would ensure the thorough and timely implementation of the joint implementation management plan 2008–2009, including through a strengthened capacity of the secretariat to support the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee and its subcommittees, panels and/or working groups in their process implementation and decision-making.

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