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CONCLUSION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND
ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

Draft decision under agenda item 5 (a) (iv) submitted by the
Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Conference of the Parties the adoption of the following decision:

Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling that, in accordance with Article 4.2(d) of the Convention, the Conference is required to take decisions regarding criteria for joint implementation as indicated in Article 4.2(a),

Noting that the largest share of historical and current global emissions of greenhouse gases has originated in developed countries, that per capita emissions in developing countries are still relatively low and that the share of global emissions originating in developing countries will grow to meet their social and development needs,

Acknowledging that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their social and economic conditions,

Recognizing that,

(a) According to the provisions of the Convention, the commitments under Article 4.2(a) to adopt national policies and to take corresponding measures on the mitigation of climate change apply only to Annex I Parties, and that non-Annex I Parties have no such commitments;

(b) Activities implemented jointly between Annex I Parties and non-Annex I Parties will not be seen as fulfilment of current commitments of Annex I Parties under Article 4.2(b) of the Convention; but they could contribute to the achievement of the objective of the Convention and to the fulfilment of commitments of Annex I Parties under Article 4.5 of the Convention;

(c) Activities implemented jointly under the Convention are supplemental, and should only be treated as a subsidiary means of achieving the objective of the Convention;

(d) Activities implemented jointly in no way modify the commitments of each Party under the Convention,

1. Decides:

(a) To establish a pilot phase for activities implemented jointly among Annex I Parties and, on a voluntary basis, with non-Annex I Parties that so request;

(b) That activities implemented jointly should be compatible with and supportive of national environment and development priorities and strategies, contribute to cost-effectiveness in achieving global benefits and could be conducted in a comprehensive manner covering all relevant sources, sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases;

(c) That all activities implemented jointly under this pilot phase require prior acceptance, approval or endorsement by the Governments of the Parties participating in these activities;

(d) That activities implemented jointly should bring about real, measurable and long-term environmental benefits related to the mitigation of climate change that would not have occurred in the absence of such activities;

(e) That the financing of activities implemented jointly shall be additional to the financial obligations of Annex II Parties within the framework of the financial mechanism as well as to current official development assistance (ODA) flows;

(f) That no credits shall accrue to any Party as a result of greenhouse gas emissions reduced or sequestered during the pilot phase from activities implemented jointly;

2. Further decides that during the pilot phase:

(a) The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice will, in coordination with the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, establish a framework for reporting, in a transparent, well-defined and credible fashion, on the possible global benefits and the national economic, social and environmental impacts as well as any practical experience gained or technical difficulties encountered in activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase;

(b) The Parties involved are encouraged to report to the Conference of the Parties through the secretariat using the framework thus established. This reporting shall be distinct from the national communications of Parties;

(c) The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, with the assistance of the secretariat are requested to prepare a synthesis report for consideration by the Conference of the Parties,

3. Further decides:

(a) That the Conference of the Parties will, at its annual session, review the progress of the pilot phase on the basis of the synthesis report with a view to taking appropriate decisions on the continuation of the pilot phase;

(b) In so doing, the Conference of the Parties will take into consideration the need for a comprehensive review of the pilot phase in order to take a conclusive decision on the pilot phase and the progression beyond that, no later than the end of the present decade.
