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MATTERS RELATED TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

**MATTERS RELATED TO DECISION 1/CP.3, PARAGRAPH 6: PREPARATIONS
FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING
AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL**

Informal proposal by the Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their fourth joint meeting, decided to forward the informal proposal by the Chairmen below to the Conference of the Parties for further consideration.

Draft decision --/CP.4

Matters related to decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 6: preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 1/CP.3 on the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular paragraph 6 of that decision on the allocation of preparatory work for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Further recalling the functions and terms of reference of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, as contained in Articles 9 and 10 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and as elaborated by its decisions 6/CP.1 and 13/CP.3, and *noting* Article 15 of the Kyoto Protocol,

Having considered the proposal by the Chairmen of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the allocation to those bodies of preparatory work for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,¹

Recognizing the need to maximize efficiency in the work of the subsidiary bodies and avoid duplication and overlap,

Taking into account decisions² taken at its fourth session related to issues addressed in annexes I and II to this decision,

1. *Decides:*

(a) That the preparatory work for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol shall be allocated to the subsidiary bodies [and ad hoc working groups] as shown in annex I to this decision;

(b) That this work shall be carried out according to the initial list of work set out in annex II to this decision;

(c) To invite the subsidiary bodies [and ad hoc working groups] to report on these matters to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session.

¹ FCCC/CP/1998/3.

² Decisions *_*/CP.4, *_*/CP.4 etc... (cross-reference to relevant decisions)

Annex I

**ALLOCATION OF PREPARATORY WORK FOR
THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE
PARTIES TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL AT ITS FIRST SESSION**

Task	Allocation
Tasks assigned to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session	
Actions relating to Article 3.14 ³	<i>To be completed following the outcome of deliberations under agenda item 4(e) (on the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention (decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol))</i>
Guidelines for national systems under Article 5.1 and methodologies for the application of adjustments under Article 5.2	SBSTA
Guidelines for the preparation of information under Article 7, with respect to both annual inventories and national communications from Annex I Parties	[SBSTA, in cooperation with the SBI]
Guidelines for the review of implementation by expert review teams under Article 8	[SBI, in cooperation with the SBSTA]
Modalities and procedures relating to the clean development mechanism under Article 12	<i>To be completed following the outcome of deliberations under agenda item 5(a)(iii) (Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol)⁴</i>
Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance	[SBI] [SBSTA/SBI] [An ad hoc open-ended working group of legal and technical experts]

³ Unless otherwise stated, references to articles and paragraphs in this annex are to the Kyoto Protocol.

⁴ Footnote to be added.

Tasks assigned to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session or as soon as practicable thereafter	
Consideration of ways to facilitate cooperation to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures under Article 2.1(b)	[SBI, with input from the SBSTA, as necessary;] [assisted by an ad hoc open-ended working group] [To be reviewed at a future COP]
Modalities, rules and guidelines as to how, and which, additional human-induced activities related to changes in GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks in the agricultural soils and the land-use change and forestry categories might be included under Article 3.4 ⁵	SBSTA
Possible further elaboration of guidelines for the implementation of Article 6	<i>To be completed following the outcome of deliberations under agenda item 5(a)(ii) (Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol).</i> ⁶
Tasks to be accomplished by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol prior to the first commitment period	
Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7.4	SBSTA
Tasks to be accomplished by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol as soon as practicable	
Consideration of the application to the Protocol and modification, as appropriate, of the multilateral consultative process referred to in Article 13 of the Convention.	To be considered upon the establishment of the multilateral consultative process referred to in Article 13 of the Convention.

⁵ See also decision *_*/CP.4, paragraph 3 on Article 3.3.

⁶ *Footnote to be added.*

Annex II

**INITIAL LIST OF WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING
AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
KYOTO PROTOCOL AT ITS FIRST SESSION**

Tasks assigned to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session
Actions relating to Article 3.14⁷
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>To be completed following the outcome of deliberations under agenda item 4(e) (on the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention (decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol)</i>
Guidelines for national systems under Article 5.1 and methodologies for the application of adjustments under Article 5.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Work programme on methodological issues related to Article 5, as set forth in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/CRP.10, paragraph 8 [with a view to completion by COP 6]
Guidelines for the preparation of information under Article 7, with respect to both annual inventories and national communications from Annex I Parties
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Work programme on issues related to Article 7.1, as set forth in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/CRP.10, paragraph 8 and FCCC/SBI/1998/CRP.5 [with a view to completion by COP 6]Work programme on issues related to Article 7.2, as set forth in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/CRP.10, paragraph 8 and FCCC/SBI/1998/CRP.5 [with a view to completion by [COP 6] [COP/MOP 1]]
Guidelines for the review of implementation by expert review teams under Article 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Work programme on issues related to Article 8, as set forth in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/CRP.10, paragraph 8 and FCCC/SBI/1998/CRP.5 [with a view to completion by [COP 6][COP/MOP 1]]

⁷ Unless otherwise stated, references to articles and paragraphs in this annex are to the Kyoto Protocol.

Modalities and procedures relating to the clean development mechanism under Article 12

- *To be completed following the outcome of deliberations under agenda item 5(a)(iii) (Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol)*⁸

Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance

- [Invitation to Parties to submit views to the secretariat on procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance by 15 February 1999, to be made available to the SBI at its tenth session in a miscellaneous document
- Invitation to the secretariat to prepare a document for the SBI at its tenth session identifying key issues and options relating to procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance, based on the views submitted by Parties
- Placed for initial consideration as an item on the SBI provisional agenda for its tenth session]

Tasks assigned to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session or as soon as practicable thereafter

[Consideration of ways to facilitate cooperation to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures under Article 2.1(b)]

- [Placed for initial consideration on the SBI provisional agenda for its tenth session]
- [*to be discussed*]

Modalities, rules and guidelines as to how, and which, additional human-induced activities related to changes in GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks in the agricultural soils and the land-use change and forestry categories might be included under Article 3.4⁹

- Work programme as set forth in FCCC/CP/1998/L.5, in accordance with the time-frames set out in that decision

⁸ Footnote to be added.

⁹ See also decision _/CP.4, paragraph 3, on Article 3.3.

Further elaboration of guidelines for the implementation of Article 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>To be completed following the outcome of deliberations under agenda item 5(a)(ii) (Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol)¹⁰</i>
Tasks to be accomplished by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol prior to the first commitment period
Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7.4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Work programme on methodological issues related to Article 7, as set forth in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/CRP.10, paragraph 8 [with a view to completion [by COP 6, or as soon as practicable thereafter][as soon as practicable]]
Tasks to be accomplished by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol as soon as practicable
Consideration of the application to the Protocol, and modification as appropriate, of the multilateral consultative process referred to in Article 13 of the Convention
To be considered upon the establishment of the multilateral consultative process referred to in Article 13 of the Convention.

¹⁰ *Footnote to be added.*