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**“BEST PRACTICES” IN POLICIES AND MEASURES AMONG PARTIES
INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

Draft conclusions by the Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and
Technological Advice

At its 9th meeting, on 18 November 2000, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice agreed to forward the annexed draft decision on “good practices“ in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session for further consideration.¹

¹ In the context of this decision, the term “good practice“ replaces the term “best practice“.

Annex

Draft decision

“Good practices” in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

[*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular its Article 4.1, 4.2, [4.8 and 4.9], [7.2“(b) and 7.2 (c)] and of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular its Articles 2, [3.2], [3.14], [13.4(c), 13.4(d)] and 7,]

Recalling [also] its decision 8/CP.4 whereby it requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to undertake preparatory work to enable the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, at its first session after the entry into force of the Protocol, to consider ways to facilitate cooperation to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures under Article 2.1 (b) of the Protocol,

Noting the Chairman’s report (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/2) on the workshop held in Copenhagen from 11 to 13 April 2000, pursuant to decision 8/CP.4,

Appreciative of the contribution of the Governments of Denmark and France in sponsoring this workshop,

Recognizing that the implementation of policies and measures contributes to achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Protocol,

Recognizing also the value of information exchanges on “good” practices in policies and measures which are based on national circumstances, in furthering the objectives of the Convention and the Protocol,

1. *Decides*, in making preparations during the lead-up to the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, in relation to Article 2.1 (b) of the Protocol, to continue to facilitate cooperation among Parties included in Annex I in order to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of [implemented and planned] policies and measures [under Article 2], in particular by sharing experience and exchanging information at a technical level, and taking into account national circumstances;

2. *Decides* that the work referred to in paragraph 1 should take place under the guidance of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, *inter alia* through initiatives involving all Parties and, as appropriate, environmental and business non-governmental organizations, and should include the exchange of information on policies and measures [undertaken by Annex I Parties] in all relevant sectors and on cross-cutting and

methodological issues related to [assessing/characterizing] the effectiveness [and the impact] of policies and measures;

3. *Option 1:* [*Decides* that the work referred to in paragraph 1 should contribute to the improvement of the transparency, effectiveness and comparability of policies and measures, [and to an assessment of demonstrable progress of Parties included in Annex I in achieving their commitments under the Protocol] and should facilitate cooperation among Annex I Parties. [It should also contribute to an assessment of the actions to minimize the social, environmental and economic impacts of these policies and measures on developing countries, as listed in Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention.] To that end the work should:

(a) [Enhance transparency in] [Make use of] reporting on policies and measures in the national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention [through using, as appropriate, criteria and quantitative parameters] and consider issues of methodology, attribution, and national circumstances;

(b) *Option 1:* [Contribute to the assessment of demonstrable progress, in particular [on] [through] policies and measures by 2005 in the context of Article 3.2 of the Protocol and serve as an input to reporting under Article 7.2;]

(b) *Option 2:* [Facilitate information sharing that may be relevant to the future consideration of Article 3.2;]

(c) *Option 1:* [Provide an assessment of the actions of Annex I Parties in striving to implement policies and measures in such a way as to minimize adverse effects, including the adverse effects of climate change, effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts on developing country Parties, as referred to in Article 2.3 of the Kyoto Protocol;]

(c) *Option 2:* [Facilitate information sharing on ways Annex I Parties have striven to implement policies and measures in such a way as to minimize adverse effects, including the adverse effects of climate change, effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts on developing country Parties [as referred to in Article 2.3 of the Protocol] [and provide a means for non-Annex I Parties to show that these adverse effects are occurring];]

(d) Assist Parties and the Conference of the Parties in identifying further options for cooperation between Parties included in Annex I and other interested Parties to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of their policies and measures [taking into account Article 2.[1 (b)] and Article 13.4 (d) of the Protocol];]

3. *Option 2:* [*Decides* that consideration of demonstrable progress cannot take place until after the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice has fully considered this issue pursuant to the guidelines that may be elaborated under Article 7, given that Articles 2 and 3.2 provide no mandate for policies and measures to be considered in the context of demonstrable progress.]

4. *Requests* the secretariat, under the guidance of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice in collaboration with interested international and intergovernmental organizations active in the area of policies and measures [including the International Energy

Agency, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change], to support this future work by organizing, *inter alia*, workshops and side events and invites such organizations to provide input as appropriate [and to present a status report on their activities related to policies and measures [[*inter alia* on] the methodologies to [assess] [consider] their [effects] [effectiveness]] to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its fifteenth session];

5. *Requests* the secretariat to make available the information on policies and measures implemented and planned [under the Convention] [and its Protocol] related to this work as well as to compile information reported in the national communications by Annex I Parties;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to organize the first workshop under this decision related to the work referred to in paragraph 1 and to report the results [of the initiatives listed in paragraph 3 and] of the workshop to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session. This workshop will be held according to the terms of reference adopted by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its fourteenth session based on submissions of Parties by 31 March 2001;

7. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to consider at its fifteenth session the initial results obtained from the actions taken pursuant to this decision and to report them to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session with a view to considering any further action;]

8. *Invites* Annex I Parties and interested international organizations to provide the necessary financial support for the workshops and other activities identified in this decision.

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