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Agenda item 7 (e)

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF
THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO
THE KYOTO PROTOCOL (DECISION 8/CP.4)**

“BEST PRACTICES” IN POLICIES AND MEASURES

Note by the President

1. This text has been prepared under the authority of the President of COP 6 to facilitate future work. It is based on the text forwarded to the COP by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at the second part of its thirteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/CRP.14), as well as on informal consultations and recommendations from the chairman of the SBSTA, assisted by the co-chairs of the relevant contact group.
2. The COP is invited to take note of this text, recognizing that the text forwarded to the COP by the SBSTA contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2000/CRP.14 also remains on the table.

Draft decision -/CP.6

**“Good practices” in policies and measures among Parties
included in Annex I to the Convention¹**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular in Articles 4 and 7.2(b), and of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular in Articles 2, 3 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

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

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 policies and measures such as those in Article 2.1(a) of the Protocol, in particular by sharing experience and exchanging information at a technical level, and taking into account national circumstances;

2. *Decides further* 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;

3. *Decides* that this work should contribute to the improvement of transparency, effectiveness and comparability of policies and measures. To that end this work should:

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

(b) 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 taking into account information related to these issues provided by non-Annex I Parties;

(c) 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;

4. *Decides also* that this work should contribute to the elaboration of elements for reporting information on demonstrable progress pursuant to decision .../CP.6;

5. *Requests* the secretariat, under the guidance of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice in collaboration with relevant international and intergovernmental organizations of Annex I and non-Annex I Parties active in the area of policies and measures to support this 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 to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its fifteenth session;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to make available the information on policies and measures implemented and planned related to this work as well as to provide information on policies and measures reported in the third national communications by Annex I Parties when available;

7. *Requests* the secretariat to organize the first workshop under this decision and to report the initial results of this work to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice for consideration at its fifteenth 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;

8. *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;

9. *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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