

Decision 17/CP.9

Arrangements 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,

Taking note of Articles 13 and 15 of the Kyoto Protocol,

Recalling its decision 8/CP.4,

Having considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its eighteenth session,

1. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its session after the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, to review the arrangements made for convening the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in conjunction with the session of the Conference of the Parties and to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on arrangements for future sessions;
2. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, at its first session, adopt the draft decision below.

*8th plenary meeting
12 December 2003*

Decision -/CMP.1

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

Recalling Articles 13 and 15 of the Kyoto Protocol,

1. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its next session, to review the arrangements made for convening the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in conjunction with the session of the Conference of the Parties and to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on arrangements for future sessions;
2. *Decides* that when applying the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties being applied,¹ pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 5, of the Kyoto Protocol, it should be understood:
 - (a) That with respect to draft rules 22–26 the term of office of any replacement officer elected by and from among Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 3, and Article 15, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol would expire at the same time as that of the officer being replaced;

¹ See FCCC/CP/1996/2.

- (b) That with respect to draft rules 17–21:
 - (i) Credentials from Parties to the Kyoto Protocol would apply for the participation of their representatives in sessions of the Conference of the Parties and of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (ii) A single report on credentials would be submitted for approval, following established procedures, by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Conference of the Parties and to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;
- (c) That with respect to draft rules 6 and 7:
 - (i) Organizations admitted as observers to previous sessions of the Conference of the Parties would be admitted to the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (ii) A single process would be used for the admission of observer organizations to sessions of the Conference of the Parties and of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, with decisions on admission of observer organizations being taken by the Conference of the Parties.