

Decision 5/CP.10

Implementation of the global observing system for climate

The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its twenty-first-session,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Global Climate Observing System for preparing the *Implementation Plan for the Global Observing System for Climate in Support of the UNFCCC* (hereinafter referred to as the implementation plan);
2. *Welcomes* the emphasis given in the implementation plan to enhancing the participation of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, in the global observing systems for climate;
3. *Encourages* Parties to strengthen their efforts to address the priorities identified in the implementation plan, and to implement the priority elements in the regional action plans relating to the global observing systems for climate;
4. *Encourages* Parties to enhance their work and collaboration on observation of the essential climate variables and on development of climate products to support the needs of the Convention, including through participation in the Global Climate Observing System cooperation mechanism;
5. *Invites* Parties that support space agencies involved in global observations to request these agencies to provide a coordinated response to the needs expressed in the implementation plan;
6. *Requests* the secretariat of the Global Climate Observing System to provide information to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its twenty-third session (November–December 2005) and, as required, at subsequent sessions, on how the actions identified in the implementation plan are being implemented.

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