

Decision 20/CP.9

Technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 21/CP.7,

Having considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, at its first session, adopt draft decision -/CMP.1 (*Technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol*) below;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to establish a process to enable expert review teams to gain experience with the methods for adjustments during the inventory review process in the period 2003–2005 using real inventory data of Parties, subject to the consent of the Party concerned.

*8th plenary meeting
12 December 2003*

Draft decision -/CMP.1

Technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol

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

Having considered decisions 21/CP.7, 23/CP.7 and 20/CP.9,

1. *Adopts* the technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/10/Add.2, pages 11–27 (hereinafter referred to as technical guidance) and decides to incorporate it in the annex of the draft decision -/CMP.1 (*Good practice guidance and adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol*) attached to decision 21/CP.7;¹

2. *Requests* that lead reviewers, as defined in paragraphs 36–42 of the guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol (decision 23/CP.7), collectively consider and make recommendations on:

(a) Means to improve the consistent application, by expert review teams, of the technical guidance, especially the approaches to ensure conservativeness of adjusted estimates;

(b) The development and regular update of the information in the inventory review resources listed in annex I to the technical guidance;

(c) Means to ensure a common approach in applying the provisions of paragraph 52 of the technical guidance and to limit the flexibility given to the expert review teams in this regard, if considered necessary;

¹ The texts referred to in this paragraph will be issued as a consolidated text.

(d) Updating, as appropriate, the table of conservativeness factors included in annex III to the technical guidance, including the underlying construction and structure of the uncertainty bands of that table;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to include any recommendations from the collective consideration of the lead reviewers in their annual report, referred to in paragraph 40 of the guidelines under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice for its consideration;

4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, following the consideration of the report referred to in paragraph 3 above, to take any appropriate action pursuant to the recommendations from lead reviewers referred to in paragraph 2 (c) and (d) above;

5. *Requests* the secretariat, following the collective recommendation of lead reviewers, to regularly update the information in the inventory review resources listed in annex I to the technical guidance;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to archive information on adjustments contained in review reports and other relevant information, and make it available and easily accessible for expert review teams;

7. *Decides* that with respect to any adjustments applied retroactively in accordance with paragraph 11 of the technical guidance, only the adjustment applied for the inventory year under review shall be relevant for the eligibility requirement laid out in paragraph 3 (e) of draft decision -/CMP.1 (*Guidelines for the preparation of the information required under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol*) attached to decision 22/CP.7.