

Decision 8/CP.13

Extension of the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.10 and 4/CP.11,

Recognizing the specific needs and special situation of the least developed countries referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Having considered the twelfth report on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group¹ and the report of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group stocktaking meeting on the progress made by Parties in the preparation and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action,²

Expressing its appreciation to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group for its good work in implementing its work programme for 2006–2007, supporting the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action and of conducting the stocktaking meeting,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group under the terms of reference adopted by decision 29/CP.7;
2. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, serving in an advisory capacity to the least developed countries, to develop a work programme that contains its objectives, activities and expected outcomes and takes into account the results of the stocktaking meeting and the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twenty-eighth session;
3. *Decides* that, consistent with decision 7/CP.9, paragraph 2, new experts may be nominated to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, or existing members of the group may continue in office, as determined by the respective regions or groups;
4. *Decides further* that the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, taking into account the initiation of implementation of the national adaptation programmes of action, may invite, when deemed necessary, the Global Environment Facility and its agencies to its meetings;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to facilitate the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;
6. *Decides* to review, at its sixteenth session, the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the group, and to adopt a decision thereon.

*8th plenary meeting
14–15 December 2007*

¹ FCCC/SBI/2007/31.

² FCCC/SBI/2007/32.