

Decision 8/CP.4

**Preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties
serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol:
matters related to decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 6**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 1/CP.3 on the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular paragraph 6 of that decision on the allocation of preparatory work for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Further recalling the functions and terms of reference of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, as contained in Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention and as elaborated by its decisions 6/CP.1 and 13/CP.3, and *noting* Article 15 of the Kyoto Protocol,

Having considered the proposal by the Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies on the allocation to those bodies of preparatory work for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,¹

Recognizing the need to maximize efficiency in the work of the subsidiary bodies and to avoid duplication and overlap,

Taking into account decisions² taken at its fourth session related to issues addressed in annexes I and II to this decision,

Decides:

(a) That the preparatory work for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol shall be allocated to the subsidiary bodies as shown in annex I to this decision;

(b) That this work shall be carried out according to the initial list of work set out in annex II to this decision;

¹ FCCC/CP/1998/3.

² Decisions 5/CP.4, 7/CP.4, 9/CP.4, 10/CP.4 and 11/CP.4.

(c) To invite the subsidiary bodies to report on these matters to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session.

*8th plenary meeting
14 November 1998*

Annex I**ALLOCATION OF PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES
TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL AT ITS FIRST SESSION**

Task	Allocation
Tasks assigned to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session	
Actions relating to Article 3.14 ^a	See decision 5/CP.4
Guidelines for national systems under Article 5.1 and methodologies for the application of adjustments under Article 5.2	SBSTA
Guidelines for the preparation of information under Article 7, with respect to both annual inventories and national communications from Annex I Parties	SBSTA, in cooperation with SBI
Guidelines for the review of implementation by expert review teams under Article 8	SBI, in cooperation with SBSTA
Modalities and procedures relating to the clean development mechanism under Article 12	See decision 7/CP.4 ^b
Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance	Joint working group on compliance under SBI and SBSTA

^a Unless otherwise stated, references to Articles in annexes I and II to this decision are to Articles of the Kyoto Protocol.

^b This decision also covers other mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol.

Tasks assigned to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session or as soon as practicable thereafter	
Consideration of ways to facilitate cooperation to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures under Article 2.1(b)	SBSTA
Modalities, rules and guidelines as to how, and which, additional human-induced activities related to changes in GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks in the agricultural soils and the land-use change and forestry categories might be included under Article 3.4 ^c	SBSTA
Possible further elaboration of guidelines for the implementation of Article 6	See decision 7/CP.4 ^d
Tasks to be accomplished by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol prior to the first commitment period	
Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7.4	SBSTA
Tasks to be accomplished by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol as soon as practicable	
Consideration of the application to the Protocol and modification, as appropriate, of the multilateral consultative process referred to in Article 13 of the Convention.	To be considered upon the establishment of the multilateral consultative process referred to in Article 13 of the Convention.

^c See also decision 9/CP.4, paragraph 3, relating to Article 3.3 of the Kyoto Protocol.

^d This decision also covers other mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol.

Annex II**INITIAL LIST OF WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE KYOTO
PROTOCOL AT ITS FIRST SESSION**

Tasks assigned to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session
Actions relating to Article 3.14
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See decision 5/CP.4
Guidelines for national systems under Article 5.1 and methodologies for the application of adjustments under Article 5.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work programme on methodological issues related to Article 5 referred to in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/9, para. 51(h), with a view to completion by COP 6
Guidelines for the preparation of information under Article 7, with respect to both annual inventories and national communications from Annex I Parties
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work programme on issues related to Article 7.1 referred to in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/9, para. 51(h); decision 11/CP.4 and FCCC/SBI/1998/7, para. 20, with a view to completion by COP 6• Work programme on issues related to Article 7.2 referred to in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/9, para. 51(h); decision 11/CP.4 and FCCC/SBI/1998/7, para. 20, with a view to completion by COP 6
Guidelines for the review of implementation by expert review teams under Article 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work programme on issues related to Article 8 referred to in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/9, para. 51(h); decision 11/CP.4 and FCCC/SBI/1998/7, para. 20, with a view to completion by COP 6

Modalities and procedures relating to the clean development mechanism under Article 12

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See decision 7/CP.4^e |
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Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to Parties to submit views to the secretariat on matters relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol by 1 March 1999, to be made available by the secretariat in a miscellaneous document • Request to the secretariat to facilitate a one-day consultation among Parties^f on matters related to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol immediately prior to the tenth session of the subsidiary bodies • Establishment of a joint working group on compliance under the SBI and the SBSTA to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Identify compliance-related elements in the Kyoto Protocol – Follow the development of these elements in various groups including, for example, elements on substantive rules and consequences of non-compliance, and identify gaps in order that they are addressed in the suitable forum – Develop procedures by which compliance with obligations under the Kyoto Protocol should be addressed, to the extent that they are not being considered by other groups – Ensure coherent approaches to developing a comprehensive compliance system • Request to the joint working group on compliance, through the SBI and the SBSTA, to report on progress to COP 5 • Request to the COP 5 to take further steps including, if necessary, the establishment of an ad hoc working group on compliance or other procedure, with a view to adopting a decision at COP 6 |
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^e This decision also covers other mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol.

^f Open to observers under rules 6 and 7 of the draft rules of procedure, as applied (see FCCC/CP/1996/2).

Tasks assigned to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session or as soon as practicable thereafter
Consideration of ways to facilitate cooperation to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures under Article 2.1(b)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to the secretariat to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Prepare a report on "best practices" in policies and measures for consideration by SBSTA 11, based on Annex I Party national communications and their reviews and additional information submitted by Parties by 15 August 1999, as well as any other relevant information, with a view to strengthening the sharing of experience and exchange of information – Organize a workshop to assess "best practices" in policies and measures on the basis of the conclusions of SBSTA 11, and report the results to COP 6
Modalities, rules and guidelines as to how, and which, additional human-induced activities related to changes in GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks in the agricultural soils and the land-use change and forestry categories might be included under Article 3.4^g
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work programme as set forth in decision 9/CP.4, in accordance with the time-frames set out in that decision
Possible further elaboration of guidelines for the implementation of Article 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See decision 7/CP.4^h

^g See also decision 9/CP.4, paragraph 3, relating to Article 3.3 of the Kyoto Protocol.

^h This decision also covers other mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol.

Tasks to be accomplished by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol prior to the first commitment period

Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7.4

- Work programme on methodological issues related to Article 7 referred to in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/9, para. 55(h), with a view to completion by COP 6, or as soon as practicable

Tasks to be accomplished by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol as soon as practicable

Consideration of the application to the Protocol, and modification as appropriate, of the multilateral consultative process referred to in Article 13 of the Convention

To be considered upon the establishment of the multilateral consultative process referred to in Article 13 of the Convention