

Decision 7/CP.12

Level of emissions for the base year of Croatia

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention,

Responding to the request of the Government of Croatia that its base year greenhouse gas emissions be considered in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention,

Recalling decisions 9/CP.2, 11/CP.4 and 10/CP.11,

Taking into account the submission from Croatia contained in FCCC/SBI/2006/MISC.1,

Noting the report of the individual review of the greenhouse gas inventory of Croatia submitted in 2004 and contained in FCCC/WEB/IRI/2004/HRV, which, inter alia, recognized that the greenhouse gas inventory of Croatia does not contain emissions from power plants outside the boundaries of Croatia for 1990 or subsequent years,

Noting that this decision has no implications for historical emission levels of any other Party, in particular for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Montenegro,¹

Considering that the flexibility under Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention to choose a base year different from 1990, in order to take into account the economic circumstances of countries undergoing the process of transition to a market economy, has previously been invoked by five Parties,

Considering the specific circumstances of Croatia with regard to greenhouse gas emissions before and after 1990, and the structure of the electricity generation sector of the former Yugoslavia,

Noting the intention that the approach taken should be conservative, and that unduly high flexibility should not be provided,

1. *Notes* that the inventory reported in 2004 showed the total greenhouse gas emissions in 1990 to be 31.7 Mt CO₂ equivalent;

2. *Decides* that Croatia, having invoked Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention, shall be allowed to add 3.5 Mt CO₂ equivalent to its 1990 level of greenhouse gas emissions not controlled by the Montreal Protocol for the purpose of establishing the level of emissions for the base year for implementation of its commitments under Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

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¹ Montenegro is currently an observer State to the UNFCCC.