

Decision 5/CP.4

**Implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention
(decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol)**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 3/CP.3 on implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recalling also the provisions of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention,

Noting the provisions of Article 2.3 and Article 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol to the Convention,

Recognizing that, in the implementation of the commitments in Article 4 of the Convention, the Parties shall give full consideration to what actions are necessary under the Convention, including actions related to funding, insurance and the transfer of technology, to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the adverse effects of climate change and/or the impact of the implementation of response measures,

Noting the provision under Article 12.8 of the Kyoto Protocol,

Recognizing the concern for sustainable development of the countries referred to in Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention,

Welcoming the relevant work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in particular its First and Second Assessment Reports, its recent Special Report on the Regional Impacts of Climate Change and its forthcoming Third Assessment Report, which will *inter alia* address issues relevant to Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention,

Noting, however, that considerable uncertainties still persist with regard to the assessment of the adverse effects of climate change, particularly at the regional, sub-regional and national levels, and that in this context information gaps need to be filled, using in particular information contained in national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) and Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties),

Noting also that there is not enough information available on the adverse effects of climate change and the impact of the implementation of response measures, and that in this context also information gaps need to be filled, using in particular information contained in national communications from Annex I Parties and non-Annex I Parties,

1. *Decides* that the basic elements for further analysis should include the following:
 - (a) Identification of the adverse effects of climate change;
 - (b) Identification of the impacts of the implementation of response measures under the Convention;
 - (c) Identification of the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from such adverse effects and impacts defined through *inter alia* the national communications from non-Annex I Parties;
 - (d) Identification and consideration of actions, including actions related to funding, insurance and the transfer of technology, to meet the specific needs and concerns referred to in subparagraph (c) above;
2. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to initiate a process of compilation and analysis of available information, which is needed to elaborate any actions necessary to implement Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention;
3. *Further requests* the SBSTA to take into account information needs arising from the basic elements mentioned in paragraph 1 above, as well as the programme of work set out in the annex to this decision, in revising the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties and non-Annex I Parties;
4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the SBSTA to continue consideration of the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention at their tenth and eleventh sessions and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session;
5. *Invites* the IPCC to provide, in its Third Assessment Report, a further scientific and technical assessment on matters related to Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention;
6. *Decides* to adopt and implement the programme of work set out in the annex to this decision.

*8th plenary meeting
14 November 1998*

Annex
PROGRAMME OF WORK

ITEM	ACTION	OBJECTIVE	RESPONSIBILITY	DEADLINE
1	Submission of views on the issues to be discussed in the expert workshop	Identify factors that will help determine the adverse effects of climate change and/or the impact of implementation of response measures, the information available, existing information gaps and further information needed as well as views on methodologies, taking into account <i>inter alia</i> submissions already made to the COP and the subsidiary bodies on the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention	All Parties	End of April 1999
2	Consideration of the secretariat's compilation of national submissions	Define the expert workshop terms of reference	SBI 10, SBSTA 10	June 1999
3	Organization of the expert workshop, including budgetary issues	Produce input for SBSTA 11 and SBI 11	Chairman of SBSTA, with the assistance of the secretariat	September 1999
4	Further discussion on the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention considering the outcome of the workshop	Prepare report including conclusions and/or draft decision for COP 5	SBI 11, SBSTA 11	October/ November 1999
5	Identification of initial actions to address the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention, as well as Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol	Identify initial actions, including initial input for COP/MOP 1, in accordance with Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol	COP 5	October/ November 1999
6	Identification of any additional actions needed to address the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention, as well as Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol	Take a decision on any further actions	COP 6	November/ December 2000