

Decision 15/CP.7

**Principles, nature and scope of the mechanisms pursuant to
Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 1/CP.3, in particular paragraphs 5(b), (c) and (e),

Further recalling its decisions 7/CP.4, 8/CP.4, 9/CP.4, 14/CP.5, and 5/CP.6 containing the Bonn Agreements on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, as appropriate,

Recalling also the preamble to the Convention,

Recognizing that, in using the mechanisms, Parties shall be guided by the objective and principles contained in Articles 2 and 3 and by Article 4, paragraph 7, of the Convention,

Further recognizing that the Kyoto Protocol has not created or bestowed any right, title or entitlement to emissions of any kind on Parties included in Annex I,

Emphasizing that the Parties included in Annex I shall implement domestic action in accordance with national circumstances and with a view to reducing emissions in a manner conducive to narrowing per capita differences between developed and developing country Parties while working towards achievement of the ultimate objective of the Convention,

Affirming that the use of the mechanisms shall be supplemental to domestic action and that domestic action shall thus constitute a significant element of the effort made by each Party included in Annex I to meet its quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments under Article 3, paragraph 1,

Further emphasizing that environmental integrity is to be achieved through sound modalities, rules and guidelines for the mechanisms, sound and strong principles and rules governing land use, land-use change and forestry activities and a strong compliance regime,

Aware of its decisions 11/CP.7, 16/CP.7, 17/CP.7, 18/CP.7, 19/CP.7, 20/CP.7, 21/CP.7, 22/CP.7, 23/CP.7 and 24/CP.7,

Recommends that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, at its first session, adopt the draft decision below.

*8th plenary meeting
10 November 2001*

Draft decision -/CMP.1 (*Mechanisms*)

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Aware of its decisions -/CMP.1 (*Article 6*), -/CMP.1 (*Article 12*), -/CMP.1 (*Article 17*), -/CMP.1 (*Land use, land-use change and forestry*), -/CMP.1 (*Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts*), -/CMP.1 (*Article 5.1*), -/CMP.1 (*Article 5.2*), -/CMP.1 (*Article 7*) and -/CMP.1 (*Article 8*) and decision 24/CP.7,

1. *Decides* that the use of the mechanisms shall be supplemental to domestic action and that domestic action shall thus constitute a significant element of the effort made by each Party included in Annex I to meet its quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments under Article 3, paragraph 1;

2. *Requests* the Parties included in Annex I to provide relevant information in relation to paragraph 1 above, in accordance with Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol, for review under its Article 8;

3. *Decides* that the provision of such information shall take into account reporting on demonstrable progress as contained in decision -/CMP.1 (*Article 7*);

4. *Requests* the facilitative branch of the compliance committee to address questions of implementation with respect to paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

5. *Decides* that the eligibility to participate in the mechanisms by a Party included in Annex I shall be dependent on its compliance with methodological and reporting requirements under Article 5, paragraphs 1 and 2, and Article 7, paragraphs 1 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol. Oversight of this provision will be provided by the enforcement branch of the compliance committee, in accordance with the procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance as contained in decision 24/CP.7, assuming approval of such procedures and mechanisms by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in decision form in addition to any amendment entailing legally binding consequences, noting that it is the prerogative of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to decide on the legal form of the procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance;

6. *Decides* that certified emission reductions, emission reduction units and assigned amount units under Articles 6, 12 and 17, as well as removal units resulting from activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, may be used to meet commitments under Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Parties included in Annex I, and can be added as provided for in Article 3, paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of the Kyoto Protocol and in conformity with the provisions contained in decision -/CMP.1 (*Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts*), and that emission reduction units, assigned amount units and removal units can be subtracted as provided for in Article 3, paragraphs 10 and 11, and in conformity with the provisions contained in decision -/CMP.1 (*Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts*), without altering the quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments inscribed in Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol.