

Decision 11/CP.5

Capacity-building in countries with economies in transition

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 4.1, 4.5, 4.6 and 6 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recalling further the provisions relating to capacity-building for countries with economies in transition contained in decisions 6/CP.4 and 7/CP.4,

Affirming that capacity-building is critical to the effective participation of countries with economies in transition in the Convention and Kyoto Protocol processes and must be comprehensively addressed,

Underlining that capacity-building for countries with economies in transition must be country-driven, reflecting their national initiatives and priorities, and that it is primarily to be undertaken by countries with economies in transition and in countries with economies in transition in partnership with Parties included in Annex II to the Convention, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention,

Emphasizing that capacity-building is a continuous process aimed at strengthening or establishing, as appropriate, relevant organizations, institutions and human resources in order to provide expertise in all areas relating to the implementation of the Convention,

Emphasizing further that an integrated approach should recognize the responsibility of individual Parties to promote conditions that are conducive to the development of human, institutional and technical capacity, and that every effort should be made to improve the coordination and effectiveness of existing efforts and promote the participation of a wide range of actors and constituencies, including governments at all levels, international organizations, civil society and the private sector,

Emphasizing also the importance of creating an enabling environment for investment, which promotes capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition,

1. *Decides* that:

(a) Financial and technical support for capacity-building for countries with economies in transition for implementing the Convention and to prepare for participation in activities under Articles 5, 6, 7 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol should be provided through bilateral and multilateral channels and the private sector, as appropriate;

(b) Existing capacity-building activities and programmes should be comprehensively assessed to determine their effectiveness and to identify gaps and weaknesses in ongoing efforts, and that the specific needs of Parties with economies in transition should be further elaborated in accordance with this decision, to enable the Conference of the Parties to take a comprehensive decision at its sixth session;

2. *Invites* Parties included in Annex I but not included in Annex II to the Convention to identify their needs and priorities for capacity-building by 1 March 2000;

3. *Requests* the secretariat:

(a) To compile and synthesize the information submitted in accordance with paragraph 2 of this decision for consideration at the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies;

(b) To develop in accordance with this decision, in close consultation with Parties at the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, and based on the information compiled and synthesized, elements of a draft framework for capacity-building activities, including elements related to capacity-building emerging from discussions of other issues under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their thirteenth sessions.

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4 November 1999*