Decision 6/CP.8

Additional guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 3, Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Article 6, Article 9, paragraph 2 (c), Article 11, paragraphs 1 and 5, and Article 12, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 13/CP.1, 7/CP.2, 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.2, 9/CP.3, 1/CP.4, 2/CP.4, 4/CP.4, 6/CP.4, 8/CP.5, 9/CP.5, 10/CP.5, 2/CP.7, 3/CP.7, 4/CP.7, 6/CP.7 and 7/CP.7,

Recalling further that in accordance with decision 11/CP.1 the Conference of the Parties is to give guidance on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria to an operating entity of the financial mechanism,

Acknowledging the usefulness of cooperation to promote, facilitate, develop and implement public awareness programmes on climate change and its effects, in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention,

Reaffirming that capacity-building for developing countries is essential to enable them to participate fully in, and to implement effectively their commitments under, the Convention,

1.   *Decides* that the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, should:

(a) On matters relating to national communications:

(i)   Provide financial resources at an appropriate level to cover the requirements of the guidelines annexed to decision 17/CP.8, in an expedited manner, by an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, on an agreed full cost basis for the preparation of national communications, as well as capacity-building activities relating to the preparation of national communications pursuant to decision 2/CP.7, and in particular paragraphs 1 (c), 3, 4 and 5 of decision 6/CP.7;

(ii)   Continue to provide funding to Parties that have initiated the process of preparing second national communications and received funding under the expedited procedures or on an agreed full cost basis prior to the approval of the guidelines annexed to decision 17/CP.8;

(b)   On matters relating to capacity-building: further the prompt implementation of decision 2/CP.7, taking into account paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of decision 6/CP.7, and also take into account decisions 2/CP.7, 3/CP.7 and 6/CP.7 when developing its "Elements of strategic collaboration and a framework for Global Environment Facility action for capacity-building on the global environment" to be presented to the Council of the Global Environment Facility in May 2003;

(c) On matters relating to transfer of technologies: provide financial resources to non-Annex I Parties, in particular the least developed country Parties and the small island developing States among them, in accordance with decision 4/CP.7, through its climate change focal area and the Special Climate Change Fund established under decision 7/CP.7, for the implementation of the

framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention, contained in the annex to decision 4/CP.7;

(d)   On matters relating to Article 6: provide financial resources to non-Annex I Parties, in particular the least developed country Parties and the small island developing States among them, in accordance with decisions 11/CP.1 and 6/CP.7, to support the implementation of the work programme on Article 6 of the Convention contained in the annex to decision 11/CP.8;

(e)   On matters relating to the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties: include in its report to the Conference of the Parties detailed information in accordance with the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its seventeenth session, on the report of the Global Environment Facility;[1]

2.   *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session information on the specific steps undertaken to implement the provisions of this decision.

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[1]   FCCC/SBI/2002/17, paragraphs 22–24.