

Decision 11/CP.17

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 12/CP.2, 3/CP.16, 5/CP.16 and 7/CP.16,

Also recalling decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 7(a)(iv),

Taking note with appreciation of the annual report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties, which provides detailed and useful information on the wide variety of steps that the Global Environment Facility has taken to implement the guidance of the Conference of the Parties,¹

Recognizing the progress made by the Global Environment Facility in areas such as piloting an approach to broaden the range of agencies and entities that are able to access resources directly from the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the allocation of funding,

Reiterating decision 7/CP.16, paragraph 5, urging the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to increase access to funding for activities related to Article 6 of the Convention,

Encouraging the Global Environment Facility to continue pursuing reforms to facilitate the successful implementation of its fifth replenishment cycle,

Taking note of the information provided by the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility on financial support provided for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention,²

Also taking note of the need to compile and consolidate past guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility by the Conference of the Parties,

Further taking note that the Global Environment Facility, in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties, affirms that its mandate under the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund covers activities with regard to research and systematic observation,

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention:

(a) To continue to work with its implementing agencies to further simplify its procedures and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the process through which Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) receive funding to meet their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, with the aim of ensuring the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with these obligations and to avoid gaps between the enabling activities of current and subsequent national communications, recognizing that the process of preparation of national communications is a continuous cycle;

¹ FCCC/CP/2011/7 and Add.1 and 2 and Corr.1.

² FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.10 and FCCC/CP/2010/5 and Add.1.

(b) To continue to enhance the transparency of the project review process throughout the project cycle;

(c) To clarify the concept of additional costs as applied to different types of adaptation projects under the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund which seek to respond to climate change risks;

(d) To continue to provide financial resources to developing countries for strengthening existing and, where needed, establishing national and regional systematic observation and monitoring networks under the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;

2. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, in the context of technology needs assessments,³ to continue to provide financial support to other⁴ non-Annex I Parties as appropriate to conduct or update their technology needs assessments, noting the availability of the updated *Handbook for Conducting Technology Needs Assessments for Climate Change*;⁵

3. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, in its regular report to the Conference of the Parties, to include information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-sixth session to consider the information submitted by the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session on the implementation of decision 7/CP.7, paragraph 2(a–d);

5. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, and no later than 10 weeks prior to the subsequent session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations in writing on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Global Environment Facility.

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³ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 135.

⁴ Noting that progress has been made in providing technical and financial support to assist 36 non-Annex I Parties in developing and updating their technology needs assessments and that many non-Annex I Parties expressed their interest to conduct or update their technology needs assessment.

⁵ <<http://unfccc.int/ttclear/pdf/TNA%20HANDBOOK%20EN%2020101115.pdf>>.