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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol

The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, at the fourth part of its sixteenth session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its seventh session:

Draft decision -/CMP.7

Consideration of information on potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Recalling that the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on the consideration of information on potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties (hereinafter referred to

as potential consequences) should be guided and informed by Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol, the relevant provisions and principles of the Convention and the best available relevant scientific, social, environmental and economic information,

Emphasizing that the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol should be guided by the ultimate objective of the Convention, as set out in its Article 2,

Noting that a framework for consideration of potential consequences has been established through decisions 15/CMP.1, 27/CMP.1 and 31/CMP.1,

Also noting that additional work on this issue should, in accordance with the provisions, principles and relevant Articles of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, build on relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and work being carried out by other bodies and in other processes under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, with the aim of maintaining an approach that is coherent with other work under the UNFCCC process,

Further noting that striving to minimize the adverse impacts of mitigation policies and measures is a common concern of both developing and developed countries,

Noting that there could be both positive and negative consequences of mitigation policies and measures,

Also noting that the work on the consideration of potential consequences should focus on minimizing negative potential consequences for Parties, especially developing country Parties,

Noting the challenges in anticipating, attributing and quantifying potential consequences,

Underlining the importance of Article 3 of the Convention in the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol,

Noting that the work on potential consequences should benefit from the experiences of Parties and lessons learned, should take into consideration the role of national policies and measures and should consider both negative and positive potential consequences,

Also noting that the impacts of potential consequences may be influenced by the institutional capacity and regulatory framework in Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention,

1. *Urges* Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) to *support* the efforts of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in strengthening such capacities and frameworks in this regard;

2. *Recognizes* that there is a need to deepen the understanding of potential consequences and any observed impacts and that this can be achieved through various means, including:

(a) The regular and systematic provision by all Parties of information that is as complete as possible on potential and observed impacts of policies and measures, in particular through national communications, and the regular review of this information;

(b) Assessment of potential consequences and observed impacts carried out by, inter alia, relevant national institutions and international organizations;

(c) Information from work being carried out by other UNFCCC bodies that may be relevant in considering potential consequences;

3. *Encourages* Annex I Parties to design their policies and measures under Article 2 of the Kyoto Protocol in order to assist them in striving to implement such policies and measures in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol;
4. *Recognizes* decision -/CP.17¹ that establishes the Forum to Implement the Work Programme on the Impact of the Implementation of Response Measures, and consolidates all progressive discussions related to response measures under the Convention.

¹ Draft decision proposed for adoption under agenda item 16 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.