



CLARIFICATION REGARDING SCOPES AND STEPS OF WITNESSING ACTIVITIES UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

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1. Witnessing concerning the function “determination regarding a project design document (PDD)” (hereinafter referred to as determination) referred to in the “Procedure for accrediting independent entities by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee” (JI accreditation procedure) shall cover the steps from making a PDD publicly available through the secretariat in accordance with paragraph 32 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 (JI guidelines) up to immediately before making the determination regarding the PDD publicly available through the secretariat in accordance with paragraph 34 of the JI guidelines.
2. Witnessing concerning the function “determination of emission reductions or enhancements of removals” (hereinafter referred to as verification) referred to in the JI accreditation procedure shall cover the steps from making a monitoring report publicly available through the secretariat in accordance with paragraph 36 of the JI guidelines up to immediately before making the determination based on the monitoring report publicly available through the secretariat in accordance with paragraph 38 of the JI guidelines.
3. An applicant independent entity (IE) or accredited independent entity (AIE) may make a PDD or monitoring report publicly available through the secretariat in the context of a witnessing activity only after the joint implementation assessment team (JI-AT) has accepted the corresponding project as a witnessing opportunity.
4. In the course of a witnessing activity the applicant IE or AIE shall submit the determination or verification to the JI-AT through the secretariat.
5. The secretariat shall, subject to confidentiality provisions, transfer to the (leader of the) JI-AT any information it has received within the scope of its mandate and with respect to a particular (proposed) witnessing opportunity and/or activity.
6. The JI-AT shall consider the determination or verification referred to in paragraph 4 above as part of the witnessing evidence that is to be reported to the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel.
7. An applicant IE or AIE may make the report for a determination or verification undergoing witnessing publicly available through the secretariat in accordance with paragraphs 34 or 38 of the JI guidelines only after the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee has informed the applicant IE or the AIE of its decision regarding witnessing (for an applicant IE) or ex-post witnessing (for an AIE)¹ with respect to that determination or verification.
8. Paragraphs 3-7 above apply to designated operational entities under the clean development mechanism acting provisionally as accredited independent entities in accordance with paragraph 3 of decision 10/CMP.1 only for any project chosen as a witnessing opportunity.

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¹ For details of “ex-post witnessing” for an AIE, see section B.2 of the JI accreditation procedure.