Annex 4

CLARIFICATION REGARDING CONDITIONS FOR DESIGNATED OPERATIONAL ENTITIES FOR ACTING PROVISIONALLY AS ACCREDITED INDEPENDENT ENTITIES
I. BACKGROUND

1. Paragraph 3 of decision 10/CMP.1 stipulates:

   “(a) Designated operational entities under the clean development mechanism may act provisionally as accredited independent entities under Article 6 until the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee has approved its procedures for accreditation;

   (b) Those designated operational entities that apply for accreditation under the approved procedures for accreditation may continue to act provisionally as accredited independent entities until a final accreditation decision is taken;

   (c) The determinations and relevant activities undertaken under these provisions shall be valid only after the accreditation of the independent entity is finalized”.

2. The Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC), at its fourth meeting, agreed on the “Procedure for accrediting independent entities by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee” (JI accreditation procedure) and decided to start the joint implementation (JI) accreditation process on 15 November 2006.

3. Taking into account the provisions referred to in paragraph 1 above, the JISC also agreed that the JI accreditation procedure would be effective as of 15 November 2006 to allow sufficient time for designated operational entities (DOEs) to prepare their applications for JI accreditation and to enable them to continue to act provisionally as accredited independent entities (AIEs) in the meantime.

II. CLARIFICATION

4. DOEs that did not apply for JI accreditation before 15 November 2006 may resume their status as provisional AIEs from the date they apply for JI accreditation. These DOEs may act provisionally as AIEs within the corresponding sectoral scope(s) and function(s) for which they had been designated under the clean development mechanism (CDM) (including provisional designation by the Executive Board of the CDM) before 15 November 2006 and for which they have applied for JI accreditation.