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JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

EIGHTH MEETING

Report

Date of meeting: 18–19 October 2007

Location: Bonn, Germany

Attendance: The names of members and alternate members present at the eighth meeting are in bold print below. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate member participated as a member.

Members	Alternate Members
Mr. Olle Björk	<i>Mr. Franzjosef Schafhausen</i>
Mr. Georg Børsting	<i>(Mr. Darren Goetze)¹</i>
Mr. Jaime Bravo	<i>Mr. Marcos Castro Rodriguez</i>
Ms. Fatou Gaye	<i>Mr. Vincent Kasulu Seya Makonga</i>
Mr. Maurits Blanson Henkemans (Mr. Shailendra Kumar Joshi) ²	<i>Mr. Hiroki Kudo</i> <i>Mr. Maosheng Duan</i>
Mr. Derrick Oderson	<i>Ms. Yumiko Crisostomo</i>
Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov	<i>Mr. Evgeny Sokolov</i>
Ms. Daniela Stoycheva	<i>Ms. Astrida Celmina</i>
Mr. Vlad Trusca	<i>Mr. Matej Gasperic</i>

Quorum (in parenthesis required numbers):

9 (7) members/alternate members acting as members were present of which

6 (4) were from Annex I Parties and

3 (3) were from non-Annex I Parties.

WWW broadcasting: <http://ji.unfccc.int/Sup_Committee/Meetings>.

¹ Mr. Goetze had resigned as a JISC alternate member as of 15 August 2007.

² Mr. Joshi had resigned as a JISC member as of 2 May 2007.

**Agenda item 1: Membership issues (including disclosure of possible conflict of interest)**

1. The Chair opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum was met. No conflict of interest was identified by any member or alternate member of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) present at the meeting.
2. The Chair recalled that the JISC had been informed by electronic means before the meeting that Mr. Goetze had resigned as a JISC alternate member as of 15 August 2007.
3. The JISC noted that, in addition to Mr. Goetze, Ms. Celmina, Ms. Crisostomo, Mr. Duan and Mr. Schafhausen were unable to attend the meeting and that Ms. Crisostomo and Mr. Duan had provided proper justification for their absence.
4. According to paragraphs 1 and 2 of rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, if a member, or an alternate member, of the JISC resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, the JISC may decide, bearing in mind the proximity of the next session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), to appoint another member, or an alternate member, from the same constituency to replace the said member for the remainder of that member's mandate. In such a case, the JISC shall take into account any views expressed by the group that had nominated the member. In this context, the JISC shall request the relevant constituency to nominate the new member, or the new alternate member, to be appointed in accordance with paragraph 1 of rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the JISC. Through electronic decision-making in accordance with rule 25 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, the JISC had decided to request the relevant constituency to nominate a replacement for Mr. Goetze in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the JISC.
5. The JISC took note of the status of nominations of replacements for Mr. Goetze and Mr. Joshi³ by the relevant constituencies.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda

6. With regard to the proposed agenda, the Chair suggested to additionally discuss the replacement of the resigned member of the joint implementation accreditation panel (JI-AP), Mr. Mediratta, under proposed agenda item "accreditation of independent entities" and a possible revision of the fee structure endorsed by the CMP in paragraph 16 of decision 3/CMP.2 under proposed agenda item "other matters"⁴.
7. The JISC adopted the agenda with the changes suggested and mentioned in paragraph 6 above as proposed.

³ At its seventh meeting, the JISC had decided to appoint another member to replace Mr. Joshi, who had resigned as a JISC member as of 2 May 2007.

⁴ At its sixth meeting, the JISC had taken note of decision 3/CMP.2 of the CMP endorsing the fee structure recommended by the JISC and requesting the JISC to report annually to the CMP on the revenue received from the charging of fees with a view to the CMP reviewing these arrangements. In this regard, the JISC had noted that it would consider this subject at its ninth meeting, including the option of preferential treatment of JI small-scale projects. Due to the rescheduling of the eighth meeting of the JISC, this issue was already considered at this meeting.

**Agenda item 3: Work plan****Agenda sub-item 3 (a): Accreditation of independent entities**

8. The JISC took note of the fourth progress report on the work of the JI-AP presented by its Chair, Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov. The report summarized information relating to the work of the JI-AP, including recommendations on procedural issues, as well as the status of applications for accreditation, the status of the roster of experts for joint implementation assessment teams (JI-ATs), and other outcome agreed on by the JI-AP.

General guidance and process

9. The JISC considered draft version 02 of the document “Terms of reference for joint implementation assessment teams” recommended by the JI-AP, clarifying requirements for experts in baseline setting and monitoring in JI-ATs, and decided to adopt the document as recommended by the JI-AP and contained in [annex 1](#) to this report.

10. The JISC considered draft version 02 of the document “Indicative level of fees to be paid to joint implementation assessment team by applicant independent entity or accredited independent entity” recommended by the JI-AP, reflecting the actual workload of members of JI-ATs, and decided to adopt the document as recommended by the JI-AP and contained in [annex 2](#).

11. The JISC considered a draft clarification regarding utilization of laboratory services for monitoring and determination of emission reductions or enhancements of removals recommended by the JI-AP, intended to prevent potential conflicts of interests, and decided to adopt the document as recommended by the JI-AP and contained in [annex 3](#).

12. The JISC took note of other progress made by the JI-AP, including the revision and development of forms used during the assessment of applicant independent entities (IEs), the development of guidance documents for JI-ATs and the organization of a training session for JI-AT experts to ensure consistency in their assessment work.

13. The JISC further took note of the on-going discussion between the Chairs of the clean development mechanism accreditation panel (CDM-AP) and the JI-AP on possible collaboration between the JI and CDM accreditation processes.

14. The JISC took note of the information provided by the Chair of the JI-AP regarding the resignation of a JI-AP member, Mr. Vijay Mediratta, as of 6 November 2007. The JISC expressed its appreciation for the work done by Mr. Mediratta. With a view to filling the vacant position in the JI-AP as soon as possible, the JISC requested the secretariat to launch a new call for experts, for consideration of the results by the JISC at its ninth meeting.

Further schedule

15. The JISC noted that the eighth meeting of the JI-AP is to take place on 4–5 November 2007.

**Agenda sub-item 3 (b): Matters relating to determination reports regarding project design documents**

16. The JISC took note of the report by the secretariat regarding the submission of documents under the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as JI Track 2 procedure). Since the launch of the JI Track 2 procedure on 26 October 2006, 86 project design documents (PDDs) had been submitted and made publicly available on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 32 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 (hereinafter referred to as JI guidelines). Two determinations regarding a PDD had been published and one deemed final in accordance with paragraphs 34 and 35 of the JI guidelines, respectively.

17. The JISC also took note of the report by the secretariat on the status of information from Parties regarding their designated focal points (DFPs) and national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects, in accordance with paragraph 20 (a) and (b) of the JI guidelines, required for the submission of determination reports regarding PDDs. Thirty Annex I Parties had informed the secretariat of their DFPs.⁵ From these Parties, nineteen had also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.⁶ The JISC encouraged Parties wishing to be involved in JI projects to provide to the secretariat information in accordance with paragraph 20 of the JI guidelines, if this information had not been previously submitted, and requested the secretariat to invite DFPs, which had not done so yet, to provide information in accordance with paragraph 20 (b) of the JI guidelines.

18. In consultation with the Chair of the JISC and taking into account the experience under the CDM, the secretariat, with a view to further streamlining the JI Track 2 procedure, in particular regarding the communication of the JISC with project participants and the inclusion of additional project participants or Parties involved in a JI project:

- (a) Had prepared draft modalities of communication of project participants with the JISC;
- (b) Had drafted procedures for including additional project participants or Parties involved in JI projects after final determination under the verification procedure under the JISC; and
- (c) Had revised the clarification regarding the public availability of documents under the verification procedure under the JISC accordingly.

19. The JISC considered the documents mentioned in paragraph 18 above and agreed on:

- (a) Modalities of communication of project participants with the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee, as contained in annex 4;
- (b) Procedures for including additional project participants or Parties involved in joint implementation projects after final determination under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee, as contained in annex 5; and
- (c) Clarification regarding the public availability of documents under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 02), as contained in annex 6.

⁵ Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom

⁶ Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Russian Federation, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom



20. In this context, the JISC also requested the secretariat to invite the participants in the projects for which determinations had already been published in accordance with paragraph 34 of the JI guidelines to provide modalities of communication in accordance with paragraph 19 above.

21. Furthermore, the JISC requested the secretariat to prepare draft procedures for the withdrawal of project participants or Parties involved in JI projects, as appropriate, for consideration by the JISC at its ninth meeting.

Agenda sub-item 3 (c): Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

22. The JISC considered the draft JI management plan (JI-MAP) for the biennium 2008–2009 prepared by the secretariat as requested by the JISC at its seventh meeting. The JISC reflected on the evolution of its activities through 2007, and discussed the key objectives and activities to be included in this version of the JI-MAP and the challenges faced by the JISC in the upcoming biennium. Following modifications to the draft JI-MAP as appropriate, with a view to reporting to the CMP at its third session, the JISC agreed on the JI-MAP, as contained in [annex 7](#).

23. The JISC also discussed the current financial situation, including the status of contributions from Parties and the current shortfall of approximately USD 1.2 million of resources budgeted for implementation of the activities relating to the JISC. In this regard, the JISC thanked those Parties that had contributed to the funding of the work of the JISC during the current biennium.

24. The status of resources and contributions is provided in [annex 8](#).

Agenda item 4: Other matters

Agenda sub-item 4 (a): Report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

25. The JISC considered the draft report of the JISC to the CMP prepared by the secretariat and agreed on the report after revising the draft.

26. The JISC requested the secretariat to finalise the report, in consultation with the Chair of the JISC, taking into account the results of the eighth meeting of the JISC.

Agenda sub-item 4 (b): Collaboration of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee with others

27. On the basis of the communication between the Chair of the JISC and the Chair of the DOE/AE coordination forum, the JISC noted the intention of the forum to revise its constitution to allow membership and representation of any applicant and accredited IEs under the JI accreditation process. Based on this understanding, the JISC invited the forum to inform the JISC of this revision and its nature, with a view to establishing a communication channel by, e.g.:

- (a) Recognizing the forum as a communication channel between the JISC and applicant and accredited IEs;
- (b) Inviting written inputs from the forum to be submitted 14 days prior to each JISC meeting at the latest for discussion under an agenda item dedicated to interactions between the JISC and the forum on issues relevant to applicant and accredited IEs at the corresponding JISC meeting;
- (c) Requesting the secretariat to facilitate the organization of meetings of the forum, as appropriate.



28. The JISC decided to allow applicant and accredited IEs as observers to JISC meetings. Contact persons of applicant and accredited IEs shall request for observer registration in accordance with relevant rules applicable to other observers (i.e. Parties, UNFCCC accredited observers and stakeholders).

29. The fourth UNFCCC JI Workshop was held in Bonn on 15-16 October, immediately prior to the eighth meeting of the JISC. Participants included the JISC members and alternate members, and experts on project-based mechanisms, including designated focal points, applicant independent entities, and other stakeholders. Among the issues discussed were:

- (a) The necessity of having projects available for the purpose of witnessing activities in order to complete the accreditation process;
- (b) There are still Parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of their national guidelines and procedures for the approval of JI projects;
- (c) Importance of a transparent and timely approval process for JI projects at the national level;
- (d) The usefulness of having information on national emission grid factors in host countries to bring down transaction cost for project development and to ensure consistency and environmental integrity.

30. The JISC took note of these issues among others.

Other business

Surveys

31. The JISC requested the secretariat to submit to the applicant and accredited IEs and DFPs, on a regular basis, surveys with regard to forecasts of JI projects.

Provisions for the charging of fees

32. The JISC considered possible revisions to the fee structure adopted at the fourth meeting of the JISC, as endorsed by the CMP in paragraph 16 of decision 3/CMP.2, to incorporate preferential treatment of JI small-scale projects regarding advance payments on the fee for the processing of verification reports. On the basis of these discussions, the JISC adopted draft version 02 of the provisions for the charging of fees to cover administrative costs relating to the activities of the JISC, as contained in [annex 9](#). The JISC agreed to submit the revised fee structure to the CMP at its third session for endorsement, after which time it would enter into force.

Other items

33. The JISC agreed on the provisional agenda of the ninth meeting, as contained in [annex 10](#).

Informal interaction with registered observers

34. The JISC met with registered observers for a webcasted question-and-answer session.

Agenda item 5: Conclusion of the meeting

35. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the eighth meeting of the JISC.



Annexes to the report

Accreditation of independent entities

- Annex 1: Terms of reference for joint implementation assessment teams (version 02)
- Annex 2: Indicative level of fees to be paid to joint implementation assessment team by applicant independent entity or accredited independent entity (version 02)
- Annex 3: Clarification regarding utilization of laboratory services for monitoring and determination of emission reductions or enhancements of removals

Matters relating to determination reports regarding project design documents

- Annex 4: Modalities of communication of project participants with the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee
- Annex 5: Procedures for including additional project participants or Parties involved in joint implementation projects after final determination under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee
- Annex 6: Clarification regarding the public availability of documents under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 02)

Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

- Annex 7: Joint implementation management plan 2008–2009
- Annex 8: Status of resources and contributions

Other matters

- Annex 9: Draft provisions for the charging of fees to cover administrative costs relating to the activities of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 02)
- Annex 10: Provisional agenda of the ninth meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee