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JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

TENTH MEETING

Report

Date of meeting: 21–22 February 2008

Location: Bonn, Germany

Attendance: The names of members and alternate members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) present at the tenth 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. Maurits Blanson Henkemans	Mr. Hiroki Kudo
Mr. Georg Børsting	Mr. Benoît Leguet
Mr. Carlos Fuller	Mr. Javier Andrés Hubenthal
Ms. Fatou Gaye	<i>Mr. Vincent Kasulu Seya Makonga</i>
Mr. Muhammed Quamrul Chowdhury	<i>Mr. Maosheng Duan</i>
Mr. Derrick Oderson	Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong-Polloi
Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov	Ms. Agnieszka Galan
Ms. Daniela Stoycheva	Mr. Georgiy Geletukha
Mr. Vlad Trusca	Mr. Matej Gasperic

Quorum (in parenthesis required numbers):

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

5 (4) were from Annex I Parties and

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

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

1. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC), the secretary of the JISC presided over the opening of the first meeting of the JISC of the calendar year 2008 and conducted the election of the new Chair and Vice-Chair.
2. The secretary of the JISC opened the meeting and welcomed the newly elected members and alternate members, including those replacing alternate members that had resigned, as well as those that had been elected for their second term. The secretary of the JISC also asserted that the quorum was met.
3. No conflict of interest was identified by any member or alternate member of the JISC present at the meeting, with the exception of the declaration of a conflict of interest by Ms. Daniela Stoycheva regarding the project under consideration under proposed agenda item 4 (b). Ms. Stoycheva excused herself from participating and was not present during the meeting discussions under this agenda item.
4. The JISC noted that Mr. Olle Björk, Mr. Maosheng Duan, Mr. Vincent Kasulu Seya Makonga, Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov and Mr. Franzjosef Schafhausen were unable to attend the meeting and had provided proper justification for their absence.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda

5. The JISC adopted the agenda as proposed.

Agenda item 3: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee

6. The secretary of the JISC informed the JISC that in accordance with the rules of procedure of the JISC, the JISC shall elect annually a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its members, with the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair alternating annually between a member from a Party included in Annex I and a member from a Party not included in Annex I. Therefore, the Chair, to be elected at the tenth meeting of the JISC, shall be a member from a Party included in Annex I.
7. The secretary of the JISC invited nominations for the election of the Chair of the JISC. Mr. Georg Børsting was nominated and the members present and voting unanimously agreed on his election as Chair. The secretary of the JISC next invited nominations for the election of the Vice-Chair of the JISC. Mr. Derrick Oderson was nominated and the members present and voting unanimously agreed on his election as Vice-Chair.
8. The secretary of the JISC congratulated the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair and invited Mr. Børsting to take up his role of Chair for the tenth meeting of the JISC and preside over the meeting.
9. The JISC thanked Ms. Fatou Gaye for her excellent leadership as Chair during the previous year.

Agenda item 4: Work plan**Agenda sub-item 4 (a): Accreditation of independent entities**

10. The JISC took note of the sixth progress report on the work of the joint implementation accreditation panel (JI-AP) presented by its Vice-Chair, Ms. Gaye. The report summarized information relating to the work of the JI-AP, including the status of applications for accreditation, the status of the roster of experts for joint implementation assessment teams (JI-ATs), and other outcomes of the JI-AP.



General guidance and process

11. The JISC took note of the progress made by the JI-AP, including the revision of forms to be used during the assessment of applicant independent entities (IEs) and the revision of a guidance document for JI-ATs to ensure consistency in their assessment work.

12. The JISC took note of the information provided by the secretariat that the first two-year term of the initial JI-AP members expires on 15 July 2008 at the earliest in accordance with the rules of procedure of the JI-AP. Prompted by this, the JISC considered modalities of election of JI-AP members for the present year and for the next year onwards based on the provisions regarding the JI-AP membership set out in the rules of procedure and terms of reference of the JI-AP. Taking into account options of modalities presented by the secretariat, the JISC decided that:

(a) The JISC will open a new call for experts for JI-AP members with a view to selecting new members at its eleventh meeting. In selecting new members the JISC will also specify three or four current JI-AP members who may serve on the JI-AP for another one year taking into account the input from the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JI-AP. For this purpose, current JI-AP members who wish to continue to serve on the JI-AP are requested to indicate the wish by re-applying for the new call for experts. Notwithstanding of the relevant provision in the rules of procedure of the JI-AP, the current JI-AP members are requested to serve on the JI-AP until immediately before the second meeting of the JI-AP to be held from the date of the JISC meeting when the selection of new members is made;

(b) The JISC, in replacing two or three members of the JI-AP each year from the present year, may re-elect those whose term of office are expiring and who reapplied for the consecutive term. JI-AP members, once re-elected, may serve for another two-year term;

(c) If the JISC replaces a JI-AP member during his/her term of office due to his/her resignation or termination of a membership in accordance the relevant provision of the rules of procedure of the JI-AP, the replacing member may serve for the remaining term of the replaced member.

13. Based on the decision referred to in paragraph 12 (a) above, the JISC requested the secretariat to open a new call for experts for JI-AP members soon after the present meeting, and to notify the current JI-AP members of the decision, highlighting those wishing to continue to serve on the JI-AP shall re-apply for the call.

Further schedule

14. The JISC noted that the tenth meeting of the JI-AP is to take place on 16–17 March 2008.

Agenda sub-item 4 (b): Matters relating to determination reports regarding project design documents

General issues

15. 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, 115 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.



16. 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-one Annex I Parties had informed the secretariat of their DFPs.¹ From these Parties, twenty-two had also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.²

Case related issues

17. At its ninth meeting, the JISC had decided to conduct a detailed review of the determination regarding the PDD for the project “Rehabilitation of Dolna Arda Hydropower Cascade, Bulgaria (reference number: 0040)” by the operational entity designated under the clean development mechanism acting provisionally as an accredited IE (Det Norske Veritas Certification AS) and agreed on the scope of the review and the composition of the review team. Taking into account the final recommendation by the JISC members, including alternate members, supervising the review, the JISC decided, in accordance with paragraph 21 (c) of the procedures for reviews under the verification procedure under the JISC, to reject the determination for the following reasons:

(a) The emission reductions of the project are overestimated, as the effects of the new unit (5) on the existing units (1-4) of the Studen Kladenets hydropower plant are not adequately reflected in the ex ante calculation of the emission reductions provided in the PDD. The accurate calculation of the actual emission reductions is not ensured, as these effects are also not appropriately addressed in the monitoring plan. In accordance with paragraph 4 of appendix B of the JI guidelines the PDD shall include a monitoring plan that provides for the collection of all relevant data necessary for estimating or measuring the emissions in the project and baseline scenarios, and leakage effects, as well as procedures for the periodic calculation of the emission reductions and for any leakage effects;

(b) The effects of the project on pumped storage hydropower plants evident from the description of the project and baseline scenarios are not reflected in the monitoring plan, thus not ensuring the conservative calculation of the emission reductions. Therefore the requirements contained in paragraph 4 of appendix B of the JI guidelines, as referred to above, cannot be considered to be met.

18. Furthermore, in the context of the review referred to in paragraph 17 above, the JISC noted that it is not demonstrated how all relevant data regarding marginal power plants, necessary to calculate the emission reductions, could be collected, as required by the proposed monitoring plan.

Agenda sub-item 4 (c): Matters relating to verification reports

19. At its ninth meeting, the JISC discussed the timeframe for carrying out the steps for reviews referred to in paragraph 39 of the JI guidelines and requested the secretariat to develop, in consultation with Mr. Børsting and Mr. Sokolov, options on how to further facilitate their implementation, for consideration by the JISC at its tenth meeting. On this basis options regarding reviews of verifications were developed, containing draft revised procedures for reviews under the verification procedure under the JISC.

¹ Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, 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

² Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom



20. The JISC discussed the options paper referred to in paragraph 19 above, agreed on revised procedures for reviews under the verification procedure under the JISC, as contained in [annex 1](#) to this report, and highlighted, in this context, also the need for a well coordinated scheduling of a sufficient number of meetings of the JISC.

Agenda sub-item 4 (d): Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

21. In accordance with paragraph 4 (b) of decision 3/CMP.2, the JISC is to adopt appropriate management indicators. The JISC considered this issue at its ninth meeting and requested the secretariat, in consultation with Ms. Gaye and Ms. Stoycheva, to provide an initial list for consideration by the JISC at its tenth meeting.

22. The JISC considered the work prepared by the secretariat, and Ms. Gaye and Ms. Stoycheva, with regard to this issue and agreed on a preliminary list of indicators. Based on this, the JISC requested the secretariat to implement the preliminary list of indicators with a view to further considering the issue at its twelfth meeting on the basis of experience gained.

23. The JISC took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the current financial situation, including the status of contributions from Parties and the expected carryover into the biennium 2008–2009. In this regard, the JISC also thanked those Parties that had contributed to the funding of the work of the JISC during the last biennium.

24. The status of resources and contributions is contained in [annex 2](#).

25. The JISC also considered the issue of its work programme for 2008. It requested the secretariat to provide a work programme that reflects the issues before the JISC presently, in accordance with the management plan and the discussions the JISC has had at its tenth meeting. It agreed to consider this work programme at its next meeting, and thereafter, revising it as appropriate.

26. The JISC decided to review its schedule of meetings for 2008 and agreed on a revision to the schedule as contained in [annex 3](#). With these revisions, the JISC, noting the need to ensure adequate handling of its workload, agreed that in principle it is still prepared to have five meetings in 2008 and will consider the appropriate timing of the postponed meeting to be added in the second half of the year. It further agreed that should the need arise, the length of meetings could be extended.

Agenda item 5: Other matters

Agenda sub-item 5 (a): Collaboration of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee with others

27. The JISC took note of the information provided by the Chair of the DOE/AIE coordination forum (formerly named as DOE/AE coordination forum) responding to the invitation of the JISC at its eighth meeting regarding the revision of its constitution. Also, the JISC considered the request from the Chair of the DOE/AIE coordination forum that the secretariat to provide administrative support to the forum. Based on this, the JISC decided to:

(a) Recognize the forum as a communication channel between the JISC and applicant and accredited IEs;

(b) Invite 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) Request the secretariat to facilitate the organization of meetings of the forum, inter alia:
- (i) Provision and moderation of a listserve for communication among applicant and accredited IEs belonging to the forum;
 - (ii) Forwarding written input from the forum to the JISC referred to in paragraph 27 (b) above;
 - (iii) Drafting minutes of forum meetings on JI issues;
 - (iv) Supporting the JI Chair during JISC meetings.

28. Regarding the secretariat support to the forum referred to in paragraph 27 (c) above, the JISC noted the need to review the resource implications when considering revisions of the joint implementation management plan.

Agenda sub-item 5 (b): Procedures for election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the joint implementation accreditation panel

29. The JISC took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the existing rules and history regarding the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the JI-AP. Based on this, the JISC agreed to discuss at the first JISC meeting of each calendar year whether to replace existing Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the JI-AP or not, and if deciding to replace, select a new Chair and/or Vice-Chair at the same meeting accordingly.

30. With regard to the present year, the JISC, based on the agreed practice referred to in paragraph 29 above, decided to request the existing Chair and Vice-Chair to continue to serve for the JI-AP.

Agenda sub-item 5 (c): Other business

Other items

31. The JISC agreed on the provisional agenda of its eleventh meeting, as contained in [annex 4](#).

Informal interaction with registered observers

32. The JISC invited registered observers for a webcasted question-and-answer session.

Agenda item 6: Conclusion of the meeting

33. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the tenth meeting of the JISC.



Annexes to the report

Matters relating to verification reports

Annex 1: Procedures for reviews under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 02)

Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

Annex 2: Status of resources and contributions

Annex 3: Schedule of meetings of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee in 2008

Other matters

Annex 4: Provisional agenda of the eleventh meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee