



**INFORMATION NOTE ON THE PUBLIC INPUTS ON THE
DRAFT GUIDANCE ON PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE
UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE**

A. Background

1. The annex to decision 9/CMP.1 (hereinafter referred to as JI guidelines) sets guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol.
2. In paragraph 6 of decision 5/CMP.4, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol requests the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) “to develop, as soon as possible, definitions, forms, guidelines and procedures for projects under programmes of activities implemented under the verification procedure under the Committee, bearing in mind the work of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism in this area”.
3. The JISC, at its fourteenth meeting, requested six of its members/alternate members (Mr. Björk, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Galan, Mr. Leguet and Mr. Oderson), with support by the secretariat, to develop guidance on projects under a programme of activities under the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as joint implementation programme of activities - JI PoA).
4. At its fifteenth meeting the JISC considered and amended the draft guidance on JI PoA and requested the secretariat to launch a public call on the draft document, and compile the inputs in an information note to be considered by the JISC at its sixteenth meeting.
5. As a result of the public call referred to in paragraph 4 above, two inputs were received by the secretariat.

B. Summary of the inputs

6. The inputs recognized the importance of joint implementation programmes of activities as a significant incentive to JI projects.
7. The following main issues were identified in the public inputs:
 - (a) Definition of JI PoA regarding the geographical boundary:
 - The boundary of JI programme activities (JPAs) should also be defined on the basis of other parameters, besides the geographical one, such as: “technical characteristics of a JPA”, “time period”, “implementing institutions”.
 - (b) Communication and distribution of emission reduction units (ERUs):
 - Any participating entity could be designated for communication with the JISC and distribution of ERUs.
 - (c) Small scale (SSC) type:
 - Ensure that in case of JPAs individually not exceeding the SSC threshold, the JI PoA as a whole would be considered as a SSC type;
 - Ensure that simplified approaches for JI SSC projects are equally available to JI SSC PoA.



- (d) Baseline setting and monitoring:
 - It should be possible that one JI PoA uses different technologies and different baseline and monitoring methodologies;
 - Additionality demonstration for the JI PoA as a whole should be considered sufficient without a need to assess each JPA.
- (e) Determination and verification:
 - Specific frequencies for verifying emission reductions should not be requested.
- (f) Inclusion of JPAs:
 - The coordinating entity should be responsible for checking whether additional JPAs included later meet the requirements to be under the JI PoA without involving the AIE in the process.
- (g) Fees:
 - There should not be associated fees for the JPAs included subsequently or they should be kept low.

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