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JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

NINETEENTH MEETING

Report

Date of meeting: 3–4 December 2009

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

Attendance: The names of members and alternate members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) present at the nineteenth 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	Mr. Franzjosef Schafhausen
Mr. Muhammed Quamrul Chowdhury	Mr. Maosheng Duan
Mr. Carlos Fuller	Mr. Javier Andrés Hubenthal
Ms. Fatou Gaye	Mr. Benjamin Longo-Mbenza
Mr. Georgiy Geletukha	Mr. Yoncho Georgiev Pelovski
Mr. Hiroki Kudo	Mr. Anton Beck
Mr. Benoît Leguet	Mr. Evgeny Sokolov
Mr. Derrick Oderson	Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong-Polloi
Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov	Ms. Agnieszka Gałan
Vacant	Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch

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. The Chair of the JISC opened the meeting and thanked the Danish Government for providing support for the organization of the nineteenth meeting of the JISC.
- 2. The Chair of the JISC asserted that the quorum was met. No conflict of interest was identified by any member or alternate member of the JISC present at the meeting.
- 3. The JISC noted that Mr. Olle Björk, Mr. Benjamin Longo Mbenza and Mr. Franzjosef Schafhausen were unable to attend the meeting, and Mr. Björk and Mr. Longo Mbenza had provided proper justification for their absence.
- 4. The Vice-Chair of the JISC thanked the outgoing members and alternates for the useful inputs and cooperation during their time in the JISC.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda

- 5. With regard to the proposed agenda, the Chair of the JISC suggested to additionally discuss the following issues under proposed agenda item 4 (c), "Other business" of the work plan:
 - Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation
 - Replacement of resigning JISC member.
- 6. The JISC adopted the agenda with the changes referred to in paragraph 5 above.

Agenda item 3: Work plan

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

7. The JISC took note of the fifteenth progress report on the work of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP), orally presented by its Vice-Chair, Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov. The report summarized information relating to the work of the JI-AP, including the status of applications for accreditation, the submission to the JISC of a draft Joint implementation accreditation standard (JI accreditation standard), 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

- 8. The secretariat presented the draft JI accreditation standard recommended by the JI-AP to the JISC, as a document elaborating provisions of appendix A to the JI guidelines and consolidating into a single document all JI accreditation requirements by integrating existing requirements with modifications as appropriate, and adding new requirements deemed necessary for an efficient and transparent operation of the JI accreditation process.
- 9. The JISC considered the draft JI accreditation standard and agreed to launch a call for public inputs on this draft to be open for six weeks, to be launched after the present JISC meeting.
- 10. The JISC took note of other progress made by the JI-AP as well as the measures under consideration by the JI-AP to further improve the JI accreditation process.

Further schedule

11. The JISC noted that the twenty-first meeting of the JI-AP is to take place on 21-23 January 2010.





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Agenda sub-item 3 (b): Matters relating to determination and verification reports

General issues

- 12. 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, 203 PDDs had been submitted and made publicly available on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 32 of the JI guidelines. Seventeen determinations regarding a PDD had been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 34 of the JI guidelines, of which:
 - (a) Thirteen determinations had been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 35 of the JI guidelines (including the determination for the project discussed in paragraph 15, below);
 - (b) Three determinations are open for request for review;¹
 - (c) One determination had been rejected.
- 13. Nine monitoring reports had been submitted and made publicly available on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 36 of the JI guidelines. Six verifications had been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 38 of the JI guidelines, two of which are open for request for review and four of which had been deemed final.²
- 14. 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 determinations regarding a PDD. 35 Annex I Parties had informed the secretariat of their DFPs.³ 29 of these Parties had also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.⁴

Case related issues

15. At its eighteenth meeting, the JISC reviewed and subsequently accepted the determination regarding the PDD "077 CMM utilisation on the coal mine Shcheglovskaya-Glubokaya of the State Holding Joint-Stock Company "GOAO Shakhtoupravlenye Donbass" subject to certain conditions. The JISC announced that satisfactory additional revisions and documentation had been received from the independent entity (IE) and reviewed by the secretariat and the Chair of the JISC, and therefore the determination can be finally accepted.

According to paragraph 35 of the JI guidelines, a determination regarding a PDD shall be deemed final 45 days after the date on which the determination is made public, unless a Party involved in the project or three of the members of the JISC request a review by the JISC.

² According to paragraph 39 of the JI guidelines, a verification shall be deemed final 15 days after the date on which the verification is made public, unless a Party involved in the project or three of the members of the JISC request a review by the JISC.

³ Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

⁴ Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.





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Agenda sub-item 3 (c): Development of definitions, forms, guidelines and procedures for joint implementation programmes of activities

- 16. At its sixteenth meeting the JISC requested the secretariat to prepare, together with the second draft of the JI PoA procedures, the forms for submitting a JI PoA.
- 17. The JISC adopted the JI PoA procedures at its eighteenth meeting, together with the JI PoA design document form (JI PoA DD), and the guidelines for users of the JI PoA DD. The JISC also adopted a revised version of the glossary of JI terms considering the modifications required by the approval of the JI PoA procedures.
- 18. The JISC agreed on and adopted the following forms used in the verification procedure under the JISC, which were revised to reflect the provisions of the JI PoA procedures, as presented in <u>annex 1</u>:
 - (a) JI determination report form (F-JI-DRep);
 - (b) JI verification report form (F-JI-VRep);
 - (c) Expert input on JI determination appraisal form (F-JI-ExInpDA);
 - (d) JI determination appraisal form (F-JI-DA);
 - (e) JI verification appraisal form (F-JI-VA);
 - (f) JI determination review form (F-JI-DR);
 - (g) JI verification review form (F-JI-VR);
 - (h) Form for request for clarification and/or further information (F-JI-Clar);
 - (i) Form for report by review team (F-JI-RRep).
- 19. The revised forms will come into effect as of 1 January 2010.
- 20. The JISC agreed and adopted the revised guidelines for users of the JI PoA DD form following minor corrections performed in order to clarify the use of annex 2 of the JI PoA DD form, as contained in annex 2.
- 21. The JISC also agreed and adopted the revised procedures for reviews under the verification procedure under JISC, as contained in <u>annex 3</u>. The document was revised by removing the forms that were annexed to the procedures. The removed forms were modified according to paragraph 17 and will continue to be available on the JI website. As there were no other changes to this procedure, the revised version will be effective immediately.

Agenda sub-item 3 (d): Development of a determination and verification manual

- 22. The secretariat presented the fourth draft of a determination and verification manual (DVM) that it had prepared in consultation with five JISC members/alternate members (Mr. Beck, Mr. Duan, Mr. Geletukha, Mr. Hubenthal and Mr. Kudo) taking into account the JISC's consideration on the third draft at its eighteenth meeting, as requested by the JISC at the same meeting.
- 23. With regard to a legal review of the draft DVM that the JISC at its eighteenth meeting requested the secretariat to undertake, the JISC acknowledged the secretariat's explanation that with the changes made to the draft, which introduces no new requirements either for projects under the JI Track 2 procedure or for accredited independent entities (AIEs) in carrying out determinations and verifications, no legal review was deemed necessary.





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- 24. The JISC considered the fourth draft DVM and agreed to adopt the document as contained in <u>annex 4</u>, noting that no grace period is provided as the document introduces no new mandatory provisions as referred to in paragraph 23 above.
- 25. The Chair of the JISC requested the secretariat to disseminate the document to IEs and other stakeholders effectively.

Agenda item 4: Other matters

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

- 26. The JISC invited the Chair of the DOE/AIE coordination forum (Mr. Shigenari Yamamoto, accompanied by Mr. Katsura Fukuda) to the meeting for interaction between the JISC and the forum on JI issues.
- 27. The Chair of the DOE/AIE coordination forum elaborated the inputs from the forum sent to the JISC for the present meeting for consideration by the JISC, requesting for efficient operation of witnessing activities in the JI accreditation procedure.
- 28. The JISC took note of the input of the DOE/AIE coordination forum and requested the JI-AP to look into the suggestion raised as well as other options to facilitate the accreditation of IEs, and report back its consideration to the JISC at its next meeting.
- 29. The Chair of the JISC thanked the Chair of the DOE/AIE coordination forum for his attendance and expressed the usefulness of the inputs from and interaction with the forum.
- 30. The Chair of the JISC, based on the agreement by the JISC at its seventeenth meeting, invited the Chair of the Project Developers Forum (PD Forum) (Mr. Martin Enderlin) with regard to its interest in possibly serving as a communication channel for project participants with the JISC.
- 31. The Chair of the PD Forum elaborated its organizational structure, modality of work, as well as interest in serving as a communication channel for project participants with the JISC.
- 32. The Chair of the JISC reminded that the JISC, at its seventeenth meeting, agreed that it would continue to tentatively accept the Joint Implementation Action Group (JIAG)'s proposal to serve as a communication channel for project participants with the JISC and invited the JIAG to interact with the JISC at the present meeting.
- 33. The JISC invited the representative of the JIAG, Mr. Morten Prehn Sorensen, to the meeting for interaction between the JISC and the group on JI issues.
- 34. The representative of the JIAG elaborated on the inputs that the group had provided prior to the meeting and requested the JISC to give them due consideration. The JISC took note of the inputs from the representative of the JIAG and informed him that the JISC would take into account his proposals as appropriate.
- 35. The Chair of the JISC thanked the representatives of the JIAG and PD Forum for their attendance and expressed the usefulness of the inputs and interaction.
- 36. The JISC considered the inputs received from the call for public inputs on the matter and the information provided by the JIAG and PD Forum in its interactions with the JISC. Based on this, the JISC decided to:
- (a) Recognize the JIAG and PD Forum as communication channels between the JISC and project participants;



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- (b) Invite the JIAG and PD Forum each to send a representative to each meeting of the JISC as an observer and to interact with the JISC, requesting that they provide the name of the representative to attend to the secretariat at the latest 14 days prior to each JISC meeting;
- (c) Invite written inputs from the JIAG and PD Forum to be submitted by 14 days prior to each JISC meeting at the latest for discussion under an agenda item dedicated to interactions between the JISC and the JIAG and PD Forum at the corresponding JISC meeting.
- 37. Prompted by a query from the JIAG, the JISC requested the secretariat to prepare an information note on legal matters on the participation in JI of Belarus and Kazakhstan for consideration at its next meeting.

Agenda sub-item 4 (c): Areas for further guidance to be considered by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee

- 38. At its eighteenth meeting, the JISC requested the secretariat to prepare an analysis on the impact of all inputs received so far regarding the development of a DVM (i.e. through public calls, UNFCCC JI workshops and roundtable) on existing JISC documents, and present it at the next meeting with a view to starting its consideration on the areas for further changes in JISC documents.
- 39. The secretariat presented a summary of issues contained in the inputs received during the development of the DVM.
- 40. The JISC discussed priority areas and agreed in principle on the following priorities for further consideration: the concept of materiality for JI projects, standardization of JI specific approach, guidance on multi-project emission factors, further guidance on deviation during project implementation from a determined project design and/or monitoring plan, procedures for projects transferred from JI Track 1 to Track 2, further guidance regarding demonstration of additionality, stakeholder consultation process, and preparation of a monitoring report template. The JISC also requested the secretariat to prepare a discussion paper covering the first four issues identified above for further consideration at its next meeting with a view to discuss the remaining issues at subsequent meetings. The JISC indicated that the requested discussion paper should serve to provide the JISC with an overview of the issues in the context of the JI guidelines and existing JISC documents, to provide an understanding of current practices in these areas, and to outline possible ways forward for JISC in addressing the issues.

Agenda sub-item 4 (d): Other business

Replacement of resigning JISC member

41. At its seventeenth meeting the JISC requested, through the secretariat, the relevant constituency to nominate a new member to be appointed in accordance with paragraph 1 of rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the JISC to replace Mr. Vlad Trusca who resigned effective 30 September 2009. Having received a nomination from the Group of Eastern European States to appoint of Ms. Miriana Roman, the JISC requested the secretariat to make necessary arrangements for Ms. Roman's appointment to take effect immediately.

Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

42. The secretariat reported on the finalisation of the JI Management Plan for 2010-2011 subsequent to the discussions at the eighteenth meeting of the JISC as had been requested by the JISC. The JISC noted the management plan had been made available to CMP in conjunction with the annual report of the JISC to the CMP.





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- 43. The JISC also considered the financial status for JI activities, noting the information provided by the secretariat, including the status of contributions from Parties and the current shortfall of approximately USD 0.96 million in resources budgeted for the biennium 2008–2009. In this regard, the JISC thanked those Parties that had contributed to the funding of the work of the JISC during the current biennium and continued to encourage Parties to make early contributions in the next biennium to ensure that all necessary activities envisaged by the JISC can be carried out in a predictable and sustainable manner. The status of resources and contributions is contained in annex 5.
- 44. The JISC considered the issue of the timing and nature of workshops and roundtable consultations in 2010. The JISC requested the secretariat to take into account the deliberations on this matter and to provide further information and options at the next meeting, with a view to the JISC agreeing on the matter at its next meeting. A tentative schedule of meetings of the JISC in 2010 is contained in annex 6.
- 45. The JISC also considered a tentative work programme for the committee for 2010 on the basis of standing items requiring its attention and ongoing activities of the committee. The tentative work programme for 2010 is contained in annex 7.

Provisional agenda

46. The JISC agreed on the provisional agenda of its twentieth meeting, to be held on 23–24 February 2010, as contained in <u>annex 8</u>.

Informal interaction with registered observers

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

Agenda item 5: Conclusion of the meeting

48. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the nineteenth meeting of the JISC.



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Annexes to the report

<u>Development of definitions</u>, forms, guidelines and procedures for joint implementation programmes of activities

- Annex 1: Forms under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee to incorporate the procedures for programme of activities (Version 02)
- Annex 2: Guidelines for users of the joint implementation programme of activities design document form (Version 02)
- Annex 3: Procedures for reviews under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee

Development of a determination and verification manual

Annex 4: Determination and verification manual

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- Annex 5: Status of resources and contributions
- Annex 6: Schedule of meetings of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee and the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel in 2010
- Annex 7: Tentative Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee work programme for 2010

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Annex 8: Provisional agenda of the twentieth meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee
