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JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

TWENTIETH MEETING

Report

Date of meeting: 23–24 February 2010

Location: Bonn, Germany

Attendance: The names of members and alternate members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) present at the twentieth 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. Muhammed Quamrul Chowdhury	No alternate elected
Mr. Carlos Fuller	Ms. Carola Borja
Ms. Fatou Gaye	Mr. Benjamin Longo-Mbenza
Ms. Agnieszka Galan	Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov
Mr. Georgiy Geletukha	Mr. Yoncho Georgiev Pelovski
Mr. Hiroki Kudo	Mr. Anton Beck
Mr. Benoît Leguet	Mr. Evgeny Sokolov
Ms. Miriana Roman	Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch
Mr. Wolfgang Seidel	Mr. Olle Björk
Mr. Andrew Yatilman	Mr. Derrick Oderson

Quorum (in parenthesis required numbers):

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

- 6 (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 JISC, the secretary of the JISC presided over the opening of the meeting prior to the election of the new Chair and Vice-Chair referred to in paragraph 7 below.
- 2. The secretary of the JISC opened the meeting and welcomed the newly elected members and alternate members. 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.
- 4. The JISC noted that Mr. Olle Björk, Mr. Benjamin Longo Mbenza and Mr. Andrew Yatilman were unable to attend the meeting, and all these absent members had provided proper justification for their absence.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda

5. The JISC adopted the agenda of its twentieth meeting without any modification to the proposed agenda.

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

- 6. The secretary of the JISC informed the JISC that in accordance with the rules of procedure of the JISC, the JISC shall annually elect 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, and therefore the Chair to be elected at this meeting, 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. Benoît Leguet was nominated and the members 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. Muhammed Quamrul Chowdhury was nominated and the members 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. Leguet to immediately take up his role of the Chair and preside over the meeting.
- 9. The JISC thanked Mr. Derrick Oderson for his excellent leadership as the Chair during the previous year.

Agenda item 4: Matters relating to JI-AP Chair and Vice-Chair

- 10. The Chair of the JISC informed that in accordance with the "General guidelines for panels and working groups under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee" and the practice agreed at its tenth meeting, the JISC shall annually discuss at its first meeting of each calendar year whether to replace existing Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP), and if deciding to replace, select a new Chair and/or Vice-Chair at the same meeting accordingly from its members, one being from a Party included in Annex I and the other being from a Party not included in Annex I.
- 11. The Chair of the JISC invited nominations for the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JI-AP. Ms. Fatou Gaye was proposed to continue to serve as the Chair and Ms. Agnieszka Gałan was proposed as the new Vice-Chair of the JI-AP and the members of the JISC unanimously agreed on this proposal.





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12. The Chair of the JISC congratulated the newly appointed Chair and Vice-Chair of the JI-AP and thanked the former Vice-Chair, Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov, for his excellent service to the JI-AP.

Agenda item 5: Outcome of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

- 13. The secretariat provided a summary of the outcome of the fifth session of the conference of the Parties serving as meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The secretariat highlighted that the CMP, in its decision 3/CMP.5, inter alia, provided additional guidance on the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol and commended the JISC for its work, recognizing the progress it had made, and encouraging and requesting the JISC to undertake work in a number of areas.
- 14. The JISC noted that it would need to take into account the decision of the CMP in development of the JISC's work programme for 2010.

Agenda item 6: Work plan

Agenda sub-item 6 (a): Accreditation of independent entities

15. The JISC took note of the sixteenth progress report on the work of the JI-AP, orally presented by its Chair, Ms. Fatou 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.

Case specific consideration

16. The JISC considered the JI-AP's recommendation on accreditation of an independent entity (IE) based on one witnessing activity, and agreed to accredit Det Norske Veritas Certification AS (DNV) for the determination¹ and verification² functions in the following sectoral scopes:³

Sectoral scope 1: Energy industries (renewable/non-renewable sources);

Sectoral scope 2: Energy distribution; Sectoral scope 3: Energy demand;

Sectoral scope 4: Manufacturing industries; Sectoral scope 5: Chemical industries;

Sectoral scope 6: Construction; Sectoral scope 7: Transport;

Sectoral scope 8: Mining/mineral production;

Sectoral scope 9: Metal production;

Sectoral scope 10: Fugitive emissions from fuels (solid, oil and gas);

Sectoral scope 11: Fugitive emissions from production and consumption of halocarbons

and sulphur hexafluoride;

Sectoral scope 12: Solvent use;

Sectoral scope 13: Waste handling and disposal;

Sectoral scope 14: Land-use, land-use change and forestry;

Sectoral scope 15: Agriculture.

Determination regarding project design document in accordance with paragraph 33 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 (hereinafter referred to as JI guidelines).

Determination regarding emission reductions or removal enhancements in accordance with paragraph 37 of the JI guidelines.

For the sectoral scopes in bold print, accreditation is valid for five years. For the other sectoral scopes, accreditation is also valid for five years, but it shall be suspended after one and a half years unless the IE initiates a witnessing activity in the sectoral group in which those sectoral scopes belong. See section B.3 and annex 2 of the "Procedure for accrediting independent entities by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 05)" for more details.



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General guidance and process

- 17. The secretariat reported on the outcomes of the call for public inputs on the first draft JI accreditation standard, conducted from 8 December 2009 until 18 January 2010. The secretariat also informed that the JI-AP was expected to submit to the JISC at the twenty-first meeting a second draft JI accreditation standard taking into account, inter alia, the public inputs.
- 18. Regarding the JISC's request to the JI-AP at the nineteenth meeting to look into the suggestion raised by the DOE/AIE coordination forum on efficient operation of witnessing activities in the JI accreditation procedure as well as other options to facilitate the accreditation of IEs, the Chair of the JI-AP presented its consideration, i.e. not to propose options of changes of the JI accreditation process at this stage, but to suggest the JISC to request the DOE/AIE coordination forum to provide more information that substantiates the necessity to further facilitate the JI accreditation process.
- 19. The JISC considered the JI-AP's response and agreed on the necessity to clarify the situation regarding any potential problems with the witnessing activity stage in the JI accreditation process. For this purpose, the JISC decided to request the DOE/AIE coordination forum as well as the Joint Implementation Action Group (JIAG) and the Project Developers Forum (PD Forum) to provide further information on the problems, if any, that they are facing regarding the stage of witnessing activities. The JISC further requested the JI-AP supported by the secretariat to prepare, taking into account the inputs provided by the DOE/AIE coordination forum, JIAG and PD Forum, an information paper including an analysis of the situation and options to change the stage of witnessing activities with a view to avoiding a shortage of accredited IEs in any sectoral scopes.
- 20. 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

21. The JISC noted that the twenty-second meeting of the JI-AP is to take place on 22-24 March 2010.

Agenda sub-item 6 (b): Matters relating to determination and verification reports

- 22. 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, 223 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) Sixteen determinations had been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 35 of the JI guidelines;
 - (b) One determination had been rejected.
- 23. Fourteen monitoring reports had been submitted and made publicly available on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 36 of the JI guidelines. Nine verifications had been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 38 of the JI guidelines, all of which have been deemed final according to paragraph 39 of the JI guidelines.⁴

⁴ 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.



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24. 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. 29 of these Parties had also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.

Agenda sub-item 6 (c): Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

- 25. The JISC noted the comments of the CMP with regard to the Joint Implementation Management Plan for 2010-2011. The JISC agreed that it would consider the need for revisions to the management plan at its twenty-second meeting.
- 26. The JISC also considered the financial status for JI activities, noting the information provided by the secretariat, including the status of contributions from Parties so far for the biennium 2010–2011. In this regard, the JISC thanked those Parties that had contributed to the funding of the work of the JISC and encouraged Parties to make early contributions this 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 1.
- 27. The JISC considered the issue of the timing and nature of workshops and roundtable consultations in 2010. The JISC agreed to hold roundtable consultations in conjunction with its twenty-second meeting in June and tentatively plan to hold a technical workshop in September in conjunction with its twenty-third meeting, noting the need to make a final decision on the workshop at its twenty-first meeting.
- 28. The JISC considered its schedule of meetings for the year and agreed on it as contained in <u>annex 2</u>. The JISC, however, noted the need to possibly reconsider the timing of meetings in the second half of the year at a later date.
- 29. The JISC also considered the work programme for the committee for 2010 on the basis of standing items requiring its attention, ongoing activities of the committee and requests from the CMP referred to in paragraph 14 above. The work programme for 2010 is contained in annex 3.

Agenda item 7: Other matters

Agenda sub-item 7 (a): Collaboration of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee with others

- 30. The Chair of the JISC informed that the DOE/AIE coordination forum did not provide a written input to the present meeting and its Chair on JI issues (Mr. Flavio Gomes) was unable to attend the present meeting for interaction between the JISC and the forum either. The Chair of the JISC further informed that the Chair of the forum requested the JISC to consider the possibility of his participation in the present and future JISC meetings through telephone conference.
- 31. The JISC invited the representative of the JIAG, Mr. Lennard de Klerk, to the meeting for interaction between the JISC and the group on JI issues.

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- 32. The representative of the JIAG elaborated on the inputs that the group had provided prior to the meeting and invited 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.
- 33. The Chair of the JISC thanked the representative of the JIAG for his attendance and expressed the usefulness of the inputs and interaction.
- 34. The Chair of the JISC informed that the PD Forum provided a written input to the present meeting but the representative of the PD Forum was unable to attend the meeting for interaction between the JISC and the PD Forum. The Chair of the JISC also informed that the Chair of the PD Forum requested the JISC to shift the deadline for providing written inputs to each JISC meeting to after the publication of the annotated agenda of the corresponding JISC meeting. The JISC noted that the same request was also made by the JIAG in its inputs referred to in paragraph 32 above.
- 35. The JISC considered the request from the Chair of the DOE/AIE coordination forum referred to in paragraph 30 above and agreed not to organize a telephone conference at least for the present meeting, and would on exceptional basis try to accommodate any future similar request, with a view to determining appropriateness of such interaction at future meetings.
- 36. The JISC considered the request from the Chair of the PD Forum and JIAG referred to in paragraph 34 above and agreed to shift the deadline for providing written inputs to each JISC meeting to seven days before the corresponding JISC meeting, to be applicable for all official communication channels with the JISC, i.e. the DOE/AIE coordination forum, JIAG and PD Forum.
- 37. The JISC also agreed, when possible, to schedule the interactions with all official communication channels with the JISC at JISC meetings prior to taking up associated substantive matters on its agenda for those meetings.

Agenda sub-item 7 (b): Areas for further guidance to be considered by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee

- 38. At its nineteenth meeting, the JISC requested the secretariat to prepare a discussion paper on four key issues: 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. At the same meeting, the JISC also 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 the JISC in addressing the issues.
- 39. The JISC took note of the information and analysis prepared by the secretariat and agreed on two areas for further work by the JISC in 2010: The concept of materiality in determinations and verifications and deviation during project implementation from a determined project design and/or monitoring plan, with a view to adopting new or revised procedures pertaining to these items before the twenty-fourth meeting of the JISC. The remaining priority areas will be discussed as time and resources permit following the development of guidance for the two items discussed above, as appropriate.





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Agenda sub-item 7 (c): Legal matters concerning the participation in JI of Belarus and Kazakhstan

40. The JISC considered an information note prepared by the secretariat in response to a previous query from the JIAG on legal issues regarding participation in JI of Belarus and Kazakhstan. The JISC raised related issues with a representative from the secretariat's office of Legal Affairs and requested the secretariat to compile additional background information and provide it to the JISC for its twenty-second meeting with a view to the JISC considering the matter further and reporting to the CMP. The JISC requested the secretariat to prepare this information in consultation with the following five JISC members and alternates: Ms. Gałan, Mr. Oderson, Mr. Pluzhnikov, Mr. Seidel and Mr. Sokolov. The JISC also agreed to request the JIAG to provide further information on this matter.

Agenda sub-item 7 (d): Other business

Provisional agenda

41. The JISC agreed on the provisional agenda of its twenty-first meeting, to be held on 13–14 April 2010, as contained in annex 4.

Informal interaction with registered observers

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

Agenda item 8: Conclusion of the meeting

43. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the twentieth meeting of the JISC.





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Annexes to the report

Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

Annex 1: Status of resources and contributions

Annex 2: Schedule of meetings of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee and the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel in 2010

Annex 3: Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee work programme for 2010

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Annex 4: Provisional agenda of the twenty-first meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee
