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Annotations to the proposed agenda

Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. ► **Action:** The Secretary of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) shall ascertain whether (a) the members present constitute a quorum, and (b) the absence of any member or alternate member is without proper justification.

Background: Rule 12 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC” stipulates that the Secretary of the JISC shall preside over the opening of the first JISC meeting of a calendar year and conduct the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. According to the Rules of procedure of the JISC, at least two-thirds of the members of the JISC, representing a majority of members from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and a majority of members from Parties not included in Annex I, must be present to constitute a quorum.

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

2. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to adopt the proposed agenda of the thirty-fourth meeting.

Background: At its previous meeting, the JISC agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the JISC on 24 February 2014 and thereafter posted on the UNFCCC joint implementation (JI) website in accordance with rule 19 of the Rules of procedure of the JISC.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

3. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to welcome new members and alternates members elected by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its ninth session:
 - (a) Mr. Derrick Oderson (second term) as member and Mr. Albert Williams (first term) alternate member, nominated by the small island developing States;
 - (b) Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler (first term), as member, nominated by Parties included in Annex I. A nomination for the alternate member from Parties included in Annex I has not yet been received. The alternate member on this seat remains in office until the nomination is received;
 - (c) Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki (second term) as member and Mr. Yury V. Fedorov (first term) as alternate member, nominated by Parties included in Annex I that are undergoing the process of transition to a market economy;
 - (d) Ms. Carola Aracelly Borja Osorio (second term) as member and Mr. Carlos Fuller (second term) alternate member, nominated by Parties not included in Annex I;

- (e) Mr. Guoqiang Qian (first term) as member and Mr. Chebet Maikut (first term) alternate member, nominated by Parties not included in Annex I.

Background: The pending nomination of the alternate member from Parties not included in Annex I was received on 26 February 2014 nominating Mr. Chebet Maikut as alternate member of the JISC. Based on the CMP report the nomination is to be deemed as elected at the CMP 9 in accordance with established practice.

4. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the oaths of service of new members and alternate members of the JISC.

Background: In accordance with rule 10 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC”, members and alternate members shall take a written oath of service before assuming their duties. The UNFCCC secretariat has received the written oaths of service from all newly elected members and alternate members.

5. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to elect its Chair, for the year 2014, from among the members nominated by Parties included in Annex I, and its Vice-Chair from among the members nominated by Parties not included in Annex I.

Background: At the first meeting of each calendar year, i.e. at this thirty-fourth meeting, the JISC shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members. Rule 12 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC” stipulates that the secretary of the JISC shall preside over the opening of the first JISC meeting of a calendar year and conduct the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. The secretary of the JISC shall ascertain whether (a) the members present constitute a quorum, and (b) the absence of any member or alternate member is “without proper justification”.

6. ► **Action:** Members and alternate members of the JISC may wish to disclose whether they have any conflict of interest relating to the work of the JISC.

Background: According to paragraph 10(b) of the JI guidelines, quoted in paragraph 2 of rule 9 of the Rules of procedure of the JISC, members, including alternate members, of the JISC shall have no pecuniary or financial interest in any aspect of a JI project.

According to paragraph 11 of the JI guidelines, quoted in paragraph 1 of rule 7 of the Rules of procedure of the JISC, the JISC may suspend and recommend to the CMP the termination of the membership of a particular member, including an alternate member, on grounds including, inter alia, breach of the conflict of interest provisions.

Agenda item 2.2. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel

7. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) for the current year.

Background: According to paragraph 4 of the “General guidelines for panels and working groups under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee”, the JISC shall appoint the chair and vice-chair of a panel/working group, with one being a member/alternate member from a Party not included in Annex I and the other being from a Party included in Annex I. Paragraph 5 of the same guidelines further states that “only JISC members shall act as chairs and vice-chairs of panels”.

Agenda item 3. Workplan

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation of independent entities

8. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider a concept note on future development of the JI accreditation system, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

Background: The JISC, at its thirty-third meeting, agreed in principle to rely on the accreditation system under the clean development mechanism (CDM) for its accreditation decisions under JI and requested the secretariat to prepare an implementation plan for this approach, including the identification of possible measures to address risks and take account of current differences between the accreditation systems of the two mechanisms, to be considered at its next meeting.

9. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider a draft elaborated recommendation to the SBI on the accreditation system for JI aligned with that of the CDM, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: In decision 5/CMP.9, the CMP requested the JISC to submit elaborated recommendations on the accreditation system for joint implementation aligned with that of the CDM, taking into consideration decision 6/CMP.8, paragraph 15(b), for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fortieth session (June 2014).

10. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider extending the term of office of JI-AP members.

Background: The JISC, at its twenty-ninth meeting in May 2012, appointed members of the JI-AP for a one-year term, ending immediately before the first meeting of the panel after the selection of new members by the JISC in 2013. At its thirty-first meeting in March 2013, the JISC extended the term for the current JI-AP members for one year.

Agenda item 3.2. Matters relating to determination and verification reports

11. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider the status of: (a) projects submitted under the JI Track 2 procedure; (b) information provided by Parties in accordance with paragraph 20 of the JI guidelines.

Background: On 26 October 2006, during its fifth meeting, the JISC officially launched the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as the JI Track 2 procedure). Since the launch of the procedure, the information regarding Parties' designated focal points (DFPs), national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects, in accordance with paragraph 20(a) and (b) of the JI guidelines, have not been provided to the secretariat by some Parties, as required for the submission of determination reports regarding project design documents (PDDs).

Agenda item 3.3. Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

12. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider a financial strategy analysis for the JISC.

Background: The JISC, at its thirty-third meeting, requested the secretariat, as part of the preparation of the JI management plan (JI-MAP), to propose a precautionary strategy,

based on an analysis of options for cost reductions and minimum operational levels. This analysis would be used to inform future budgetary expenditure decisions in a manner that considers the need to maintain operations at appropriate levels during the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and recognizes that the current reserve would probably be the sole source of funding for JI for the foreseeable future.

13. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to adopt the draft joint implementation two-year business plan and management plan 2014–2015, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

Background: The JISC, at its thirty-third meeting, held an initial discussion on the preparation of its JI two-year business plan for 2014–2015 and its JI-MAP for 2014, for consideration at its next meeting. The JISC considered that its current vision and objectives remain appropriate for the next planning period, but wished to change the emphasis and priority in the objectives and make them more precise. Specifically, the JISC requested the secretariat to focus the draft business plan and JI-MAP on activities that would result in a strategic investment in the future of JI, including lessons learned for the mechanism and how it can be used at a national level, and ensuring that these lessons are fed into the development of the mechanism and its future use. In this context, the JISC expressed its willingness to assist any new governing body under revised JI guidelines in the preparation of regulations to facilitate a quick and smooth transition to those revised guidelines. The JISC agreed that the promotion of JI should continue to be emphasized, with a focus on what JI can evolve into in the future. The JISC considered that there need not be a great emphasis on making system improvements in the current operation of JI, unless these can lead to significant medium or long-term cost savings.

14. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to adopt the draft workplan of the JISC for 2014, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: Based on the draft “JI two-year business plan and management plan 2014–2015” (JI-MAP 2014–2015) and routine operations, the workplan of the JISC has been prepared, which includes the products that the JISC plans to consider during the year.

Agenda item 4. Other matters

Agenda item 4.1. Guidance by the CMP

15. ► **Action:** Following the ninth session of the CMP, the JISC may wish to consider decision 5/CMP.9 “Guidance on the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol” and other decisions related to JI.

Background: The CMP, at its ninth session, took note of the annual report of the JISC (2012–2013) and adopted its decision. The decisions adopted by the CMP are available on the UNFCCC website at
<http://unfccc.int/meetings/warsaw_nov_2013/meeting/7649/php/view/decisions.php>.

Agenda item 4.2. Relations with stakeholders, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

16. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider written inputs from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum, if any, invite the Chair of the forum to the meeting and interact with the Chair, as appropriate.

Background: The JISC, at its tenth meeting, decided to recognize the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum as a communication channel between the JISC and accredited independent entities (AIEs) and applicant independent entities (IEs). The JISC also invited written inputs from the forum for discussion under an agenda item dedicated to interactions between the JISC and the forum.

17. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider any inputs received from the Project Developer Forum (PD Forum), and interact with its representative, as appropriate.

Background: The JISC, at its nineteenth meeting, decided to recognize the PD Forum as a communication channel between the JISC and project participants. The JISC also invited the PD Forum to send a representative as an observer to every meeting of the JISC, in order to interact with the JISC.

18. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to: (a) agree to make itself available for informal briefings with registered observers; and (b) invite members and alternates to share information on events in which they have participated.

Background: The CMP, through paragraph 5(d) of decision 10/CMP.1, encouraged the JISC to collaborate with observers to its meetings through regular question-and-answer sessions held in this context. Since its establishment, the JISC has met with observers for a webcast question-and-answer session at each meeting.

Agenda item 4.3. Other business

19. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of an informal interaction between the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the JISC and the CDM Executive Board which took place in conjunction with the UNFCCC sessions in Warsaw.

Background: The JISC, at its last meeting, took note that the interaction between the chairs and vice-chairs would happen at the ninth session of the CMP and was aimed to at facilitating the exchange of views and sharing of experiences in the operation of the two bodies.

20. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of the oral report on carbon market and policy developments over the past few months.

Background: The JISC, at its thirty-second meeting, took note of a report on carbon market and policy developments over the past few months and requested the secretariat to continue updating the JISC on these developments.

21. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to agree on its calendar of meetings for 2014.

Background: The JISC, at its thirty-third meeting, only agreed to the date of its first meeting of 2014. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the JISC, the JISC shall

approve the calendar of meetings for the calendar year at the first meeting of each calendar year.

Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting

22. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to approve the report of the thirty-fourth meeting.

Background: The Chair will summarize the meeting and adopt the report, including references to any decisions taken.

Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - Concept note on future development of the JI accreditation system
- Annex 2 - Draft elaborated recommendation to the SBI on the accreditation system for JI aligned with that of the CDM
- Annex 3 - Draft joint implementation two-year business plan and management plan 2014–2015
- Annex 4 - Draft workplan of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee for 2014

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