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Annotations to the proposed agenda

Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. ► **Action:** The Chair 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: 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-ninth meeting.

Background: At its previous meeting, the JISC agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the JISC on 30 August 2016 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:** 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.

4. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of the resignation of Mr. Chebet Maikut, as alternate member, effective 18 May 2016. The seat remains open until a nomination is received.

Background: Rule 8 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC” stipulates that if a member, or an alternate member, of the JISC resigns, or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office, or to perform the functions of that office, the JISC may decide, bearing in mind the proximity of the next session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), to appoint another member, or an alternate member, from the same constituency to replace the said member for the remainder of that member’s mandate. In such a case, the JISC shall take into account any views expressed by the group that had nominated the member.

Agenda item 3. Workplan

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation of independent entities

5. ► **Action:** The JISC to take note that, as of 2 August 2016, the Clean Development Mechanisms (CDM) has officially taken over all matters related to accredited independent entities under JI.

Background: The JISC, at its thirty-seventh meeting, decided to allow designated operational entities (DOEs) accredited under the accreditation rules of the CDM to act voluntarily as accredited independent entities under JI while taking measures to safeguard environmental integrity.

Agenda item 3.2. Matters relating to determination and verification reports

6. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of the status of projects submitted through the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as the JI Track 2 procedure) and information provided by Parties in accordance with paragraph 20 of the JI guidelines.

Background: Parties shall provide information regarding their designated focal points (DFPs), national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects under Track 2, including the consideration of stakeholders' comments, as well as monitoring and verification, as required for the submission of determination reports regarding project design documents.

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

7. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of the "Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee Workplan for 2016", as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

Background: The JISC, at its thirty-eighth meeting, adopted its workplan for 2016. The document, which is in line with the management plan 2016-2017, takes into account the mandates given by the CMP at its eleventh session, and provides information on the work planned for each meeting of the JISC in 2016.

8. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of an update on the financial resources of the JI Trust fund.

Background: UN financial rules 104.16 and 106.5 require that investment losses pertaining to trust funds and special accounts must be accounted for and reported in accordance with policies established by the Under Secretary-General for Management and the International Public Sector Accounting Standards and that investment losses shall be borne by the fund, trust fund, or special account from which the principal amounts were obtained. Additionally, when closing the final accounts for a financial period, any negative balance on the account for "loss or gain on exchange" shall be debited to other expenses, while any positive balance on the account for "loss or gain on exchange" shall be credited to other/miscellaneous revenue.

9. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider the concept note on an "Analysis for additional efficiency measures for the operation of the JISC", as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: By its decision 5/CMP.10, the CMP requested the JISC to ensure sufficient infrastructure and capacity for the mechanism's use by Parties until at least the end of the additional period for fulfilling commitments under the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol (KP), and to keep the joint implementation (JI) management plan under review, making necessary adjustments to ensure the efficient, cost-effective and transparent functioning of joint implementation. In this context the JISC is being provided with an analysis of various cost-efficient options of operation, including electronic means, in support of the mechanism and possible recommendations to the CMP.

Agenda item 4. Other matters

Agenda item 4.1. Guidance by the CMP

10. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to approve the "Draft annual report of the JISC to the CMP", as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

Background: In accordance with paragraph 3(a) of the JI guidelines, the JISC shall be responsible for reporting on its activities to each session of the CMP. The JISC, at its thirty-eighth meeting, agreed on key messages to be included in its annual report and requested the secretariat to prepare the draft annual report to the CMP at its twelfth session, for consideration by the JISC at its thirty-ninth meeting.

11. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to agree on draft recommendations on "Reflections and analysis on experiences and lessons learned from joint implementation to be submitted to CMP 12", as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: By its decision 7/CMP.11, paragraph 7, the CMP requested the JISC to reflect on synergies between JI and other mitigation mechanisms to ensure the cost-efficient use of resources, the coherence of mitigation instruments and the avoidance of double counting. Through the same decision, paragraph 8, the CMP also requested the JISC to prepare an analysis of JI experiences and lessons for the possible design of mitigation mechanisms and on links and interactions with other tools. At its thirty-eighth meeting, the JISC requested the secretariat to incorporate its inputs in the next version of the document, together with consideration of submissions from Parties and admitted observers, for consideration by the JISC at its next meeting.

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

12. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider input, if any, from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum and interact with the Chair of the Forum, as appropriate.

Background: The JISC, at its tenth meeting, recognized the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum as a communication channel between the JISC and AIEs and applicant independent entities. In this regard, the JISC also invited written input from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum to the annotated agenda.

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

Background: The JISC, at its nineteenth meeting, recognized the PD Forum as a communication channel between the JISC and project participants. In this regard, the JISC also invited written input from the PD Forum to the annotated agenda.

14. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to interact with registered observers.

Background: The CMP, through paragraph 5(d) of decision 10/CMP.1, encouraged the JISC to collaborate with observers to its meetings.

Agenda item 4.3. Other business

15. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of the negotiations related to JI that took place during the latest UNFCCC sessions held in Bonn.

Background: During the UNFCCC sessions held in May 2016 in Bonn, the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), took place, which considered items related to JI.

16. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to agree on the date of its first meeting for 2017.

Background: The JISC is to agree on the date of its first meeting of next year, in part to assist candidates who are being considered for nomination as JISC members and alternate members for the coming year.

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

Background: The JISC receives regular updates on developments and prospects in the carbon market and related governmental policies from the secretariat.

18. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of an update on arrangements for a JISC side event, planned for COP 22.

Background: A one and a half hour JISC side-event is scheduled for Tuesday, 8 November, in Marrakech. The JISC will be provided with an update on arrangements that are underway for this event.

Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting

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

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

Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee Workplan for 2016
- Annex 2 - Concept note: Analysis for additional efficiency measures for the operation of the JISC
- Annex 3 - Draft annual report of the JISC to the CMP
- Annex 4 - Draft recommendations: Reflections and analysis on experiences and lessons learned from joint implementation to be submitted to CMP 12

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