

## Decision 4/CMP.12

### Guidance on the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,*

*Recalling* the provisions of Articles 3 and 6 of the Kyoto Protocol,

*Cognizant* of decision 9/CMP.1 and subsequent guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol relating to joint implementation,

*Urging* Parties to deposit with the Depository their instruments of acceptance in respect of the Doha Amendment<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Article 20 of the Kyoto Protocol with a view to expediting its entry into force,

1. *Takes note* of the outcomes of joint implementation in the period 2006–2016, accounting for 548 Track 1 projects,<sup>2</sup> 52 Track 2 projects<sup>3</sup> and over 871 million emission reduction units issued for emission reductions;
2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee for 2015–2016;<sup>4</sup>
3. *Notes with appreciation* the work by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee<sup>5</sup> on the reflections on and analysis of experiences and lessons learned from joint implementation;<sup>6</sup>
4. *Reiterates* its concern regarding the difficult market situation currently faced by participants in joint implementation, with projects declining to a point where the activity under the mechanism is practically non-existent;
5. *Also reiterates* its request to the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee to ensure sufficient infrastructure and capacity for the mechanism's use by Parties for as long as is needed, making necessary adjustments to ensure the efficient, cost-effective and transparent functioning of joint implementation;
6. *Decides* that, in order to continue the prudent management of resources, the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee shall meet at least once each year;
7. *Affirms* that the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee may conduct its meetings using virtual participation<sup>7</sup> and electronic consultation and decision-making;
8. *Decides* that, with regard to the meetings referred to in the rules of procedure of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee, the virtual participation of members or alternates acting as members in its meetings counts towards a quorum and that virtual

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 1/CMP.8.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 9/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 23.

<sup>3</sup> The verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee, defined in decision 9/CMP.1, annex, paragraphs 30–45.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2016/5.

<sup>5</sup> As requested through decision 7/CMP.11, paragraphs 6–8.

<sup>6</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2016/5, annex I.

<sup>7</sup> As reflected in Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee document JI-JISC39-AA-A02, paragraphs 16–20, available at <<http://ji.unfccc.int/MeetingInfo/DB/C0BRXFOZM7K843E/view>>.

meetings of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee are meetings of the committee;

9. *Also decides* that electronic submission of the signed oath of service by members and alternates of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee is sufficient to fulfil the requirements of the rules of procedure.

*9<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
17 November 2016*