

**Annex 3****RECOMMENDATION TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES: PROPOSAL FOR A CLARIFICATION RELATING TO PARAGRAPH 13 OF DECISION 17/CP.7****Background**

1. Paragraphs 12 and 13 of decision 17/CP.7 stipulate that:
 - (a) Certified emission reductions shall only be issued for a crediting period starting after the date of registration of a clean development mechanism project activity (paragraph 12);
 - (b) A project activity starting as of the year 2000, and prior to the adoption of this decision, shall be eligible for validation and registration as a clean development mechanism project activity if submitted for registration before 31 December 2005. If registered, the crediting period for such project activities may start prior to the date of its registration but not earlier than 1 January 2000 (paragraph 13).
2. The Executive Board, recalling that in accordance with paragraph 19 of decision 17/CP.7, the COP is to assess progress made regarding the clean development mechanism and to take appropriate action, as necessary, recommends that the COP consider the inclusion in its decision on guidance to the Executive Board of the following preambular and operative paragraphs.

Recommended elements for inclusion in a decision of COP 9

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing that paragraph 13 of decision 17/CP.7 has excluded the possibility for projects starting between the date of adoption of decision 17/CP.7 and the date of the first registration of a clean development mechanism project activity to be able to earn certified emission reductions for this period,

1. *Decides* that a clean development mechanism project activity starting between the date of adoption of decision 17/CP.7 and the date of the first registration of a clean development mechanism project activity, if submitted for registration before 31 December 2005, may use a crediting period starting prior to the date of its registration