

Decision 7/CP.2

Development and transfer of technologies

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of chapter 34 of Agenda 21 on transfer of environmentally sound technology, cooperation and capacity-building,

Recalling also its decision 13/CP.1 on transfer of technology,

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular, Articles 4.1, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 9.2 and 11.1,

Having considered the progress report presented by the Convention secretariat on commitments related to the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and know-how, as well as the inventory and assessment of environmentally sound and economically viable technologies and know-how conducive to mitigating and adapting to climate change,

Taking note of paragraph 46 of document FCCC/CP/1996/12, wherein it is stated that the information on transfer of technology from Parties included in Annex II to the Convention (Annex II Parties) "differed considerably in format, thoroughness and level of detail and consequently a comprehensive portrayal of technology transfer activities is not possible at this stage",

Expressing concern over the slow progress in the implementation of decision 13/CP.1,

1. *Reaffirms* the full text of decision 13/CP.1 on transfer of technology;
2. *Requests* the Convention secretariat:

(a) To further enhance its progress reports on access to, and the transfer of, environmentally sound technology in accordance with decision 13/CP.1, paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) and 2 (a) and (b), and Article 4.5 of the Convention, based on the national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) due in April 1997; and to make suggestions with regard to further improvements in the format for information on existing environmentally sound technologies and know-how from Annex II Parties;

(b) To give high priority to the development and completion of a survey of the initial technology needs, as well as technology information needs, of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), with a view to providing a progress report to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its fourth session;

(c) To initiate action, including consultations with Parties and relevant international organizations, *inter alia*, taking into account the ongoing work of the Climate Technology Initiative, to identify existing technology information activities and needs, with a view to developing options for building on existing specialized information centres and networks to provide fast and one-stop databases relating to state-of-the-art, environmentally sound and economically feasible technology and know-how in a manner that would be readily accessible to developing countries. The options should consider the need and resources required for improving existing, and setting up additional, technology information centres and networks;

(d) To expedite the preparation of reports on adaptation technology and the terms of transfer of technology and know-how conducive to mitigating and adapting to climate change, and, in preparing these reports, to draw on nominees with expertise in these fields from Parties. Such a roster of experts and its use in facilitating the work of the Convention secretariat should be evaluated by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, taking into account the ongoing discussion on Intergovernmental Technical Advisory Panel(s);

(e) To organize a round table on transfer of technologies and know-how in conjunction with the third session of the Conference of the Parties;

3. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to evaluate and report on the transfer of technologies being undertaken between Annex II Parties and other Parties, and to do so by drawing on a roster of experts as referred to above, and to take into account the planned technical report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on methodological and technical aspects of technology transfer;

4. *Urges:*

(a) Annex II Parties to include in their national communications the measures taken for the transfer of technology in order to enable the Convention secretariat to compile, analyse and submit the relevant reports to each session of the Conference of the Parties;

(b) Other Parties to include in their communications, where possible, information on measures taken for the transfer of technology in order to enable the Convention secretariat to compile, analyse and then submit the above-mentioned documents to each session of the Conference of the Parties;

(c) Annex II Parties to expedite their efforts in the transfer of technology in fulfilment of their commitments under Article 4.5 and in recognition of Article 4.7 of the Convention;

(d) All Parties, particularly Annex II Parties, to improve the enabling environment,

including the removal of barriers and the establishment of incentives, for private sector activities that advance the transfer of technologies to address climate change and its adverse impacts;

(e) Annex I Parties to contribute technical and other expertise to the work of the Convention secretariat related to specialized technology information centres;

(f) In this context, non-Annex I Parties to cooperate with the secretariat in the survey of technology needs and capacities to the extent their own capacities permit and based on their current national assessments;

(g) Non-Annex I Parties to communicate initial information to the Convention secretariat not later than 1 December 1996 regarding technologies and know-how required to address climate change and its adverse effects that could be compiled by the secretariat into a detailed list of technology needs required by developing country Parties, taking into account that more elaborate technology needs would be included in their initial national communications; and

5. *Decides* to review, at the third session of the Conference of the Parties, and at each session of the Conference of the Parties thereafter, the implementation of Article 4.5 and 4.1(c) of the Convention as a separate agenda item under "matters relating to commitments".

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