

China's Submission on the Composition, Modalities and Procedures of the Team of Technical Experts of ICA

The Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session held in Durban invited Parties and accredited observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 5 March 2012, their views on the composition, modalities and procedures of the team of technical experts referred to in paragraph 1 of Annex IV of the Outcome of the Work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention. China welcomes this opportunity and would like to submit the following views:

1. ICA is neither a review nor a compliance process, and it should be distinct from IAR for developed country Parties. ICA should be conducted in a manner that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respecting national sovereignty.

2. Technical experts should be nominated by Parties based on their expertise, while ensuring the balance between Non Annex I Parties and Annex I Parties.

3. Technical analysis should be hosted by UNFCCC Secretariat. To simplify the process, the technical analysis should be conducted for a group of developing countries, namely, three steps for the team of technical experts:

(1) to check the completeness of submissions,

(2) to examine the consistence of methodologies with guidelines of biennial update reports by Non Annex I Parties and,

(3) to prepare a summary report in close consultation with concerned Parties.

4. Secretariat and Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Non Annex I Parties (CGE) should substantially increase their efforts on capacity building and training for experts from developing countries to guarantee their full participation.