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Recommendation to the CMP

Flexibility in the timing of the verification of afforestation and reforestation project activities

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1. Recommendation on possible flexibility in the timing of the verification of afforestation and reforestation project activities

1. Following the request contained in paragraph 37 of decision 5/CMP.8, "Guidance relating to the clean development mechanism", the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the Board), considered possible flexibility in the timing of the verification of afforestation and reforestation (A/R) projects under the clean development mechanism during a crediting period while ensuring consistency with the principles of temporary certified emission reductions.
2. The Board agreed that flexibility in the timing of the verification of A/R projects during a crediting period could be allowed, while ensuring consistency with the principles of temporary certified emission reductions, by substituting paragraph 32 of the annex to decision 5/CMP.1, "Modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism in the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol", with the following:

The initial verification and certification of an afforestation or reforestation project activity under the CDM may be undertaken at a time selected by the project participants. In the case of afforestation or reforestation project activities for which tCERs are issued, subsequent verification and certification can be carried out only once in each subsequent commitment period. For afforestation or reforestation project activities for which tCERs were issued in the first commitment period, the second verification and certification shall not be carried out earlier than eight years from the first certification report date. In the case of afforestation or reforestation project activities for which ICERs are issued, subsequent verification and certification shall be carried out within five years of the previous certification report date.

3. The Board also agreed that if the amendment provided above were to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), it would be necessary to allow project participants to revise their monitoring plans for registered project activities in order to change the timing of the verification.
4. The Board further agreed to recommend that the CMP adopt a draft decision amending the provisions of the annex to decision 5/CMP.1, "Modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism in the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol", as provided in paragraph 2 above.

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