

Rules and guidelines for JI among Annex Q/Q1 Parties

Option 1

[28.5 In order to be credited for projects as defined in paragraph __, the following set of rules shall be applied:

(a) Joint implementation projects shall bring about real, measurable and long-term environmental benefits related to the mitigation of climate change, while avoiding adverse environmental and social effects. Projects must provide a reduction in emissions [or enhancement of sinks] that is additional to any that would otherwise occur;

(b) Joint implementation projects can be undertaken by two or more Parties. Parties may authorise any domestic entity, including government agencies, private firms, non-governmental organisations and individuals to participate in joint implementation projects;

(c) All such projects require prior acceptance, approval or endorsement by the Parties participating in the projects;

(d) Joint implementation projects should be supplemental to domestic policies and measures, which should provide the main means of meeting QELROs. Annex Q/Q1 Parties may fulfil only part of their obligation to realize their QELROs through joint implementation.

(e) Joint implementation projects shall be assessed on a project basis. Credits shall be calculated and allocated on an annual basis. They shall be subject to stringent emission reduction verification and accountability methodologies. Parties participating in joint implementation projects, in accordance with their contribution to the project, have the right to share among themselves the credits achieved by the projects.

28.6 Annex Q/Q1 Parties shall report on joint implementation projects in their national communications using guidelines to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its first session, building on the uniform reporting format for activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase. Such guidelines should also deal with:

(a) Methodologies for calculating project baselines and actual emissions which are needed to assess the incremental impact of a project on greenhouse gas emissions [and sink capacity]; and

(b) Data and methods for the quantification and verification of credits and audit.

28.7 The Conference of the Parties at its first session shall adopt a process for reviewing the total reduction achieved by reported joint implementation project.

28.8 [The Conference of the Parties to the protocol shall review these criteria, rules and methodologies for joint implementation at its first session, and periodically thereafter, taking into account experience and know-how gained in the framework of the pilot phase