

Annex II

MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Establishment

1. Pursuant to Article 13 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Conference of the Parties hereby establishes a multilateral consultative process ("the process") in the form of a set of procedures to be served by a standing Multilateral Consultative Committee ("the Committee").

Objective

2. The objective of the process is to resolve questions regarding the implementation of the Convention, by:

(a) Providing advice on assistance to Parties to overcome difficulties encountered in their implementation of the Convention;

(b) Promoting understanding of the Convention;

(c) Preventing disputes from arising.

Nature

3. The process shall be conducted in a facilitative, cooperative, non-confrontational, transparent and timely manner, and be non-judicial. Parties concerned shall be entitled to participate fully in the process.

4. The process shall be separate from, and without prejudice to, the provisions of Article 14 of the Convention (Settlement of Disputes).