

**Annex I Expert Group on the UNFCCC**  
**Meeting of 23 March 2005, Paris**  
**Summary Record**

The 23 March AIXG meeting was held back-to-back with the seminar “Working Together to Respond to Climate Change” on 21-22 March. Paul Watkinson (France) chaired the seminar and the meeting. The seminar included participation from invited non-Annex I country representatives and experts from ten countries (see Seminar Report, to be released separately).

The AIXG meeting focused on the Programme of Work and Budget for 2005 and substantive discussions on the draft secretariat papers “Approaches for Future International Cooperation” and “Exploring Options for Sectoral Crediting Mechanisms”.

*a) AIXG Programme of Work and Budget and Spending Report*

The Secretariat presented the work programme and budget, together with the document “Possible Elements of a Future Annex I Work Programme”. In considering the programme of work, delegations placed a continued priority on “long-term” issues related to future climate policies, including: integration of different approaches to international cooperation; implementation issues regarding sectoral crediting mechanisms; and compatibility of new commitments options with emission trading. Delegates also supported continuation of work on the implementation of current mitigation commitments, including: a synthesis paper of the international collaboration technology case studies; a scoping paper on ideas for future work on adaptation (post SBSTA 22) and a paper outlining key adaptation concepts and terms; an update of the CDM portfolio; and support for the 2005 IEA/IETA/EPRI Emission Trading Workshop. Finally, delegates agreed on topics that could be considered at a later stage (see AIXG Programme of Work and Budget).

The Secretariat presented the 2004 spending report, the status of funding and the funding requirements for 2005. Taking into account available funding as of mid-March 2005, the AIXG programme has a shortfall of about 538,310€ for 2005.

**Action Item:** The Secretariat will provide an updated version of the work programme within a few weeks, along with a request for grant funding to support the work of the Group. Governments are invited to indicate as soon as possible if funding is available to support the 2005 work programme.

*b) Approaches for Future International Cooperation*

The Secretariat presented the draft paper “Approaches for Future International Cooperation”. Delegates welcomed the paper, but requested a round of comments before agreeing to its release. They also suggested further work in this area, including integration of different approaches for international cooperation, and possibly addressing co-benefits.

**Action Item:** Delegates are invited to provide written comments to the Secretariat by 15 April.

*c) Exploring Options for Sectoral Crediting Mechanisms*

The Secretariat presented the draft paper “Exploring Options for Sectoral Crediting Mechanisms”. Martin Hession (UK) was the discussant for this paper. Delegates welcomed the paper and agreed to its release, following a further round of comments. The secretariat was asked to try to bring out practical

experience in CDM and emission trading to better illustrate some of the ideas and concepts discussed in the paper. Future work will consider more detailed implementation issues for particular sectors.

**Action Item:** Delegates are invited to provide written comments to the Secretariat by 15 April on the draft paper and suggestions for future work, in particular, preferences regarding the sector focus.

*d) Information Items*

The secretariat provided information briefings on other work of the OECD and IEA (see AIXG Programme of Work and Budget).

*e) Seminar feedback*

The Group welcomed the results of the seminar “Working Together to Respond to Climate Change”. It was agreed that options for themes a proposed 2006 Seminar will be presented by the Secretariat at the AIXG meeting in September.

*f) Other business*

- *AIXG Chair:*

Harald Dovland (Norway) was nominated by the Chair and endorsed by consensus to succeed Paul Watkinson (France) for a three-year term.

- *Dates of future meetings:*

The next AIXG meeting will take place in Paris on 29-30 September 2005 at the International Energy Agency Room 1. (back-to-back with the IEA/IETA/EPRI Workshop on International Emission Trading on 27-28 September).

Dates for the proposed 2006 seminar and AIXG meeting are 19-21 March 2006, with a two-day seminar followed by a one day AIXG meeting.

The second AIXG meeting for 2006 is scheduled for 28-29 September 2006.

- *Input to UNFCCC meeting:*

It was agreed that the Secretariat will hold a side-event on 23 May 2005 at the SB meetings.

Final AIXG papers can be found on the on the internet: <http://www.oecd.org/env/cc>

And on the password-protected web site:

<http://webdomino1.oecd.org/COMNET/ENV/Annex1.nsf/Welcome?openframeset>

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