

**Annex 8****CLARIFICATIONS ON DEFINITION OF BIOMASS AND CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES IN CARBON POOLS DUE TO A CDM PROJECT ACTIVITY**

1. The Board agreed at its twentieth meeting on: a) definition of biomass and b) how to consider changes in carbon pools due to a CDM project activity.

A. Definition of biomass

2. When referring to biomass in relevant baseline and monitoring methodologies:

(a) Biomass means non-fossilized and biodegradable organic material originating from plants, animals and micro-organisms. This shall also include products, by-products, residues and waste from agriculture, forestry and related industries as well as the non-fossilized and biodegradable organic fractions of industrial and municipal wastes. Biomass also includes gases and liquids recovered from the decomposition of non-fossilized and biodegradable organic material.

(b) Biomass residues means biomass by-products, residues and waste streams from agriculture, forestry and related industries.

B. Consideration of changes in carbon pools due to a CDM project activity

3. The Board agreed on the following approaches towards changes in carbon pools¹ due to CDM project activities:

(a) Where a project activity, which does not seek to obtain tCERs or ICERs from afforestation or reforestation project activities, may directly or indirectly results in a net decrease of carbon pools compared to what would occur in the absence of the project activity, such changes should be taken into account in the calculation of emission reductions subtracting the corresponding quantities from emission reductions;

(b) Where a project activity, which does not seek to obtain tCERs or ICERs from afforestation or reforestation project activities, may directly or indirectly results in a net increase of carbon pools compared to what would occur in the absence of the project activity, this increase should not be taken into account in the calculation of emission reductions;

(c) Where a project activity does seek to obtain tCERs or ICERs from afforestation or reforestation project activities, this activity should be treated as a separate project activity and shall fulfill the modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation activities under the CDM;

4. When a proposed new methodology may have implications for carbon pools it shall, in addition to being assessed by the Methodologies Panel, be reviewed by the afforestation and reforestation working group (A/R WG) with regard to its validity.

¹ Carbon pools referred are those defined in the modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the CDM contained in the annex to decision 19/CP.9.