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### Background

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### Action Requested

The Policy and Technical Groups are requested to discuss and consider the report of the Secretariat.

### Conclusions

The Policy and Technical Groups are invited to note in the Minutes of this meeting that:

“The Policy and Technical Groups, in their Joint Meeting, discussed and considered the report of the Secretariat.”



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A summary of the discussion concerning this item is as follows:

- The implication, from the title of the item, is that the Policy Group will guide the Technical Group in terms of permitting issues. A more appropriate course of action would be for the Technical Group to make a presentation to the Policy Group that would flag any relevant permitting issues. (Bill Reynen, Canada)
- In terms of trying to develop a project, there are timeline issues. Obtaining necessary permits for an on-shore project, given the often extensive informational requirements, takes time to do, in reality often more than three years for a large conventional power project. With CCS it will take a considerably longer time, especially concerning the transport and storage parts of the chain. This could mean that some prospective new projects, such as in areas identified by the gaps analysis, may not be completable before our 2013 deadline. In some cases, regulatory changes may be needed before permits can even be obtained. This is an area where international cooperation and action by the Policy Group might be of great importance. (Lars Strömberg, European Commission)
- The word "permitting" can mean different things to different people. There are a range of permits required for a CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage project, from construction of power plants to laying of pipelines to acquisition of geologic subsurface storage rights to injection and actual storage of the CO<sub>2</sub>. (John Bradshaw, Australia)
- The October 2006 IEA-CSLF Workshop on Legal Aspects of Storing CO<sub>2</sub> is issuing a report which will include some case studies from which we might be able to utilize or borrow information that could help this process. (John Bradshaw, Australia)
- Permitting is almost by definition an issue that belongs to the Policy Group. The Technical Group should support the process, not indicate what needs to be done. The only areas where the Technical Group can advise and support the Policy Group would be in selection of tools and methodologies for monitoring of operations and in risk assessment. All other areas should be handled by the Policy Group. (Stefan Bachu, Canada)

Consensus was reached that this should be an item for the agenda of the next Joint Meeting of the Policy and Technical Groups.