

REMARKS BY MADELEINE DIOUF CHAIR OF THE AWG-KP

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It is a pleasure to share with you my assessment of the AWG-KP Durban Outcome and to offer some reflections on the work for the AWG-KP in 2012.

AWG-KP Durban Outcome

The AWG-KP session in Durban concluded with a positive outcome. After intense negotiations, Parties agreed to a package deal which included the continuation of the Kyoto Protocol for a second commitment period and a decision under the Convention to launch a process to develop by 2015 a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties.

Unfortunately the agreement to a second commitment period did not include agreement on the length of the period. This will be decided by the AWG-KP at the upcoming session.

Parties did however agree on the rules for the second commitment period, which define or adjust methodological and accounting rules, except for those on carry-over.

Durban has therefore laid a solid foundation for the completion of the work of the group at Doha.

The AWG-KP in 2012

If the AWG-KP is to complete its work by CMP 8 as mandated, the group will need to finalise the following issues during this year:

- a. The QELROs for CP2. Parties intending to take commitments under a second commitment period will submit information on their QELROs by 1 May 2012.
- b. The proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol including the length of CP2. The proposed amendments are in Annex 3 of decision 1/CMP.7
- c. The carry-over of AAUs. An assessment will be undertaken to understand the implications of the carry-over of AAUs to a second commitment period on the scale of emission reduction to be achieved by Parties included in Annex I in aggregate to CP2.

Unfinished technical work on issues which were under the purview of the AWG-KP, such as LULUCF, methodological issues, emissions trading and the project based mechanisms and potential consequences were referred to the SBSTA or SBI for further consideration.

Concluding Remarks

2012 will see the conclusion of work in the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA and the beginning of work in the ADP. The number of issues under discussion in the AWG-KP will be much less than in previous years, however the scale and importance of the work required is significant. It will also be essential to maintain the political focus on the imperative of adopting the Doha Amendment of the Kyoto Protocol.

To achieve a successful outcome in Doha, I believe it will be necessary to hold an additional session of the AWGs between the May session and the Doha Climate Change Conference. Madam President, I am committed to working with you, with my fellow Chairs and with Parties to successfully complete the work of the AWG-KP in Doha.
