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<u>Subject:</u> China's Submission on the Work of the Ad-hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (AWG-DP) in Doha and beyond

Dear Mr. Mauskar and Mr. Dovland,

Please kindly find the attached China's Submission on the Work of the Ad-hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (AWG-DP) in Doha and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

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- China welcomes the invitation from the Co-Chairs of the AWG-DP dated 24
 September 2012 to provide additional inputs on how best to advance the work of
 the AWG-DP in Doha and beyond. These inputs should be understood in
 connection with our earlier submission on the work of the AWG-DP dated 16
 April 2012.
- 2. China reiterates that the objective of the AWG-DP negotiations is to further strengthen the multilateral rule-based regime, ensuring the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention after 2020. It is by no means to renegotiate, rewrite or reinterpret the Convention nor its principles and provisions. Both the process and outcome of the AWG-DP shall be under the Convention, in accordance with all its principles and provisions, in particular the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.
- 3. China welcomes the progress made by the AWG-DP on its Bureau arrangements for the next three and half years, the adoption of its agenda and the launching of two workstreams in Bonn. We also welcome the fruitful exchange of views on both workstreams through an informal, flexible and pragmatic manner at the Bangkok session, which demonstrated that the roundtable format for discussions at this stage is very useful and appropriate to build a constructive and cooperative atmosphere.
- 4. In Doha, it is necessary to protect the cooperative spirit and constructive atmosphere built in Bangkok session. Therefore, all Parties should continue exploring visions and aspirations for the AWG-DP through an open, interactive and brainstorming-friendly manner. It is the best choice of following the

roundtable format under the two workstreams. Parties should make the best use of this roundtable format to have fruitful discussions on the key issues of the AWG-DP, such as its objective, principles, scope, elements and organization of work, in particular on how the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities be reflected in both the negotiation process and the agreed outcome.

- 5. The works of the AWG-KP and AWG-LCA deserve more time to assure their successful and meaningful conclusions, which is crucial for the smooth start of the work of the AWG-DP. It is premature to establish Contact Group under the AWG-DP at this early stage to start the substantive negotiations in Doha, since the AWG-DP negotiations are still at its analytical and conceptual phase. The stocktaking of the AWG-DP in Doha can also be conducted in informal formats without any prejudgment of the organization of work.
- 6. There is a need of political guidance and momentum in implementing the balanced Durban outcome to make a success in Doha. To do so, the priority should be given to the works of the AWG-KP and AWG-LCA. Any Minister-level consultations convened, like Ministerial Roundtable, should have much more concentration on key issues related to the works of these two AWGs, not only focused on the work of the AWG-DP.
- 7. China share the view with the Co-chairs on the continuation of planning the work of the AWG-DP for 2013, in the context of a broader vision, indicating major reference points for this work up to 2015. The planning of the work should be generic and pragmatic, with flexibility for our future work of the AWG-DP and without prejudice to the work of the other subsidiary bodies. The agreed outcome on planning the AWG-DP's work can be delivered through Chair's Summary or the AWG-DP conclusions, so as to send the world a positive signal that the work of the AWG-DP is on track with a clear path forward.

- 8. Regarding the work in the year of 2013, Parties need more time space for reflection on the conclusion of Bali Roadmap negotiations and further sophisticated consideration on the future work, with a view to preparing more creative ideas for making progress on the future AWG-DP negotiations. Therefore, open-ended in-session workshops and roundtables, further submissions and technical papers would be very helpful.
- China will continue to work constructively with the Co-chairs and all other Parties to move the AWG-DP negotiations forward in Doha and beyond.