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**CONTACT GROUP ON
POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES**

**[Text on potential consequences for further consideration by the
Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties
under the Kyoto Protocol at its resumed ninth session**

A. Basis¹

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) reiterated that its work on the consideration of information on potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties (hereinafter referred to as potential consequences) should be guided and informed by Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol, the relevant provisions and principles of the Convention and the best available relevant scientific, social, environmental and economic information. In particular, the AWG-KP underlined that its work should be guided by the ultimate objective of the Convention, as established in its Article 2.
2. - deleted -²
3. The AWG-KP noted that a framework for this process has been established through decisions 15/CMP.1, 27/CMP.1 and 31/CMP.1.

B. Framing of the work

4. The AWG-KP also noted that further work on this issue should, in accordance with the provisions, principles and relevant Articles of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, build on relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and work under way by other bodies and in other processes under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, with the aim of maintaining an approach that is coherent with other work under the UNFCCC process.
5. The AWG-KP further noted that [striving to minimize] [minimizing] the adverse impacts of mitigation actions is a common concern of both developing and developed countries. It reiterated that

¹ Headings have been inserted by the co-chairs for information purposes only and to facilitate the structuring of the text.

² A Party has requested that the original text as contained in paragraph 2 of the annex to document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/12, be retained.

there could be both positive and negative consequences of mitigation actions and agreed that [its work on this issue should focus on minimizing negative potential consequences for Parties, especially developing country Parties] [[attention] [a core aspect of the work] should be paid to [minimizing] [how to minimize] potential negative consequences for developing countries]. The AWG-KP further noted that the work on potential consequences will need:

- (a) To support and complement efforts to mitigate climate change;
- (b) To benefit from experiences of Parties and lessons learned;
- (c) [To take into consideration the role of national [climate] policies and measures in terms of potential adverse social, environmental and economic impacts on other Parties, especially on developing country Parties;]
- (d) [To [balance the consideration of] [consider both] negative and positive potential consequences.]

C. Vulnerability and ability to respond to the impacts of potential consequences

6.

Option 1: The AWG-KP recognized that although potential negative consequences present challenges for all Parties, they will be most severe for developing country Parties, in particular those identified in Article 4, paragraph 8 and 9, and Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Convention.

Option 2: The AWG-KP recognized that although potential negative consequences present challenges for all Parties, they will be most severe for [developing country Parties, in particular for] the poorest and most vulnerable [developing country] Parties [that are least capable to address them].

D. Deepening understanding

7. [[The AWG-KP noted the complexity of this issue, including in the assessment of the consequences of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties.] It further noted that there [may be challenges] in anticipating, attributing and quantifying potential consequences owing to the many economic and social factors and diverse policy objectives involved. [It also noted that the [impacts of] potential consequences [depend on] [will be influenced by] the institutional capacity and regulatory framework in non-Annex I Parties.]]

{To be further elaborated}

[Any assessment of impacts experienced should be based on evidence of actual impacts and consequences] [and be based on negative consequences that developing country Parties are facing and/or will face].

8.

(Option 1 deleted)

Option 2: The AWG-KP noted that there is a need to deepen the understanding of potential consequences and to improve the availability of evidence of [actual impacts] [observed consequences]. [Giving priority to negative consequences on developing countries,] this could be achieved through various means, including:

Option 3: The AWG-KP noted that there is a need to deepen the understanding of potential consequences and any observed impacts. The AWG-KP noted the complexity of this issue, including in the assessment of the consequences of [tools, policies, measures and methodologies] available to Annex I Parties. It further noted that there are challenges in anticipating, attributing and quantifying potential consequences owing, inter alia, to the many economic and social factors and diverse policy objectives involved. It also noted that the impacts of potential consequences may be influenced by the institutional capacity and regulatory framework in non-Annex I Parties.

[The AWG-KP further noted that [it could be useful] [there is a need] to assess the potential impacts and consequences and that any assessment of experienced impacts would be based on evidence of observed impacts and consequences.] Deepening understanding could be achieved through various means, including:

- (a) The regular and systematic provision by all Parties of information that is as complete as possible, in particular through national communications, and the regular review of this information;
- (b) Assessment of potential consequences and observed impacts carried out, inter alia, by relevant national institutions and international organizations;
- (c) Information from [existing] work under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), [the results of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA)] and work of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) and other UNFCCC bodies which may have relevance in considering potential consequences.

E. Designing policies and measures

9. The AWG-KP underlined

Option 1: [the obligation of Annex I Parties] [the need for Annex I Parties] [to strive] [that Annex I Parties shall strive] to design policies and measures under Article 2 of the Kyoto Protocol [carefully],

consistent with the provisions and principles of the Convention, [in particular its Article 3.5] in order to [strive to] minimize [the] [negative potential consequences] [adverse effects] [of those policies and measures].

Option 2: that the careful design by Annex I Parties of policies and measures under Article 2 of the Kyoto Protocol could assist them in implementing such policies and measures consistently with Article 2.3 of the Kyoto Protocol, in such a way as to minimize [the] negative potential consequences. [Particular attention should be paid to Article 3.5 of the Convention.] [In this context the AWG-KP underlined the importance of Article 3.5 of the Convention.] [The [design and] implementation of such policies and measures [should take into account] [shall be guided by] the principles of the Convention, [in particular] [including] [inter alia] its Article 3.5.]

10.

Option 1: [The AWG-KP emphasized that [Annex I Parties [which are in a position to do so] should support non-Annex I Parties to minimize the negative potential consequences and maximize the positive potential consequences of policies and measures under Article 2 through, inter alia, strengthening their institutional capacities and regulatory frameworks.]

Option 2: The AWG-KP emphasized that [non-Annex I Parties should strive] to strengthen their institutional capacity and regulatory frameworks in order to minimize [the] negative potential consequences and maximize positive potential consequences of [policies and measures under Article 2][mitigation actions] [by Parties]. [[In this respect, Parties should share information and good practice in order to address these issues and where necessary Annex I Parties [which are in a position to do so] should support non-Annex I Parties] in this endeavour.]

11.

Option 1: The AWG-KP agreed *that the existing guidelines contained in decision 15/CMP.1 could be used. During their review gaps should be identified in order to* [develop guidelines] [review the existing guidelines contained in decision 15/CMP.1] *for the second commitment period to assist Annex I Parties in their assessment of potential consequences [and agreed to further examine possible elements of these guidelines at its xx session].*³

Option 2: The AWG-KP agreed to review existing guidelines contained in decision 15/CMP.1 on the preparation of the information required under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol.

12. [The AWG-KP noted that [one way] [for Parties] to facilitate the design and selection of [policies and measures] [mitigation actions] [by Annex I Parties] is to identify potential consequences [, including

³ Wording in italics indicates ongoing deliberations by Parties.

by the use of impact assessments,] associated with specific tools, policies and measures that are considered or implemented by Annex I Parties and [then] to [take them into account in [finalizing] [implementing] these policies and measures] [develop ways and means to minimize these consequences [on non-Annex I Parties] [on all Parties]].]⁴

F. Implementation

13. [The AWG-KP underlined that in the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14 of the Kyoto Protocol, Annex I Parties shall not resort to unilateral measures against imports from developing countries on the grounds of protection and stabilization of the climate. Such measures would violate the provisions and principles of the Convention, in particular the principles established by Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 5.]

14. [The AWG-KP noted the need for [a channel] [an expeditious mechanism] through which non-Annex I Parties could report impacts and consequences from the policies and measures of Annex I Parties on non-Annex I Parties [and the need to establish a common space where this exchange of views can take place continuously].] [Non-Annex I Parties shall provide solid information on their specific needs and concerns relating to the adverse and beneficial social, environmental and economic impacts arising from mitigation actions taken by Parties. Non-Annex I Parties shall report on impacts of response measures in their national communications. The AWG-KP agreed that the CMP should develop guidelines for non-Annex I Parties to improve reporting on those impacts.]

[According to decision 27/CMP.1, the Compliance Committee shall address questions of implementation of Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol regarding potential consequences.

[The AWG-KP further noted that according to decision 27/CMP.1, the facilitative branch of the Compliance Committee is responsible for promoting compliance by Parties with their commitments under the Kyoto Protocol, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities, and respective capacities.

The AWG-KP noted that one way to facilitate compliance by Annex I Parties with their commitments under Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol is to enable affected Parties to submit questions of implementation of response measures to the facilitative branch of the Compliance Committee.]]⁵

15.

Option 1: The AWG-KP recognized that cooperation among Parties on the further development and application of technologies could assist in minimizing negative consequences. It noted the need for

⁴ A number of Parties indicated that this could be moved before paragraph 9.

⁵ A number of Parties have commented that this duplicated wording in Section B

technology cooperation and transfer to developing countries for the enhancement of capacities of developing countries and for finance and risk management tools, including economic diversification, to assist developing countries in assessing and dealing with potential consequences.

{A placeholder for a proposal to distinguish between assessment of consequences, and ways to deal with them}

Option 2: The AWG-KP recognized that cooperation among Parties on the further development of technologies could assist with regard to potential consequences. It noted the need for enhancement of capacities of developing countries to assess and deal with potential consequences.

G. Considerations on any further work

16. [Parties noted that work on this issue should be consolidated into a single stream with a view to avoiding duplication and maintaining a coherent and consistent approach with other work being carried out under the UNFCCC process, including through the possible use of joint groups].]
