

Chair's Proposal
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The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet and thus requires to be urgently addressed by all Parties, and acknowledging that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, with a view to accelerate the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions;

Noting with grave concern the significant gap between the aggregated effect of Parties' mitigation pledges in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emissions pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding warming below 2°C or 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels;

Recognizing also that fulfilling the ultimate objective of the Convention will require strengthening the multilateral, rules-based regime under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;

1. *Noting* decision 1/CMP.7 [Amendments and related decisions to secure a ratifiable second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol];
2. *Also noting* decision 1/CP.17 [Implementation of the Bali Action Plan, including operationalisation of the Cancun Agreements];
3. *Decides* to extend the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention for one year in order for it to continue its work and reach the agreed outcome pursuant to decision 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan) through decisions adopted at the 16th, 17th and 18th sessions of the Conference of the Parties, at which time the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action shall be terminated;
4. *Decides also* to launch a process to develop a Protocol or another legal instrument applicable to all Parties under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, through a subsidiary body under the Convention hereby established and to be known as the Ad Hoc Working Group on XX;
5. *Decides* that the process shall begin immediately and be conducted as a matter of urgency and that the Ad Hoc Working Group on XX shall report to the intervening sessions of the Conference of the Parties on the progress of its work;
6. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group on XX shall complete its work as early as possible but no later than 2015 in order to adopt this legal instrument at the 21st session of the Conference of Parties;
7. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group on XX shall plan its work in 2012, including, inter alia, on mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and

transfer and capacity building, drawing upon submission from Parties, and relevant technical, social and economic information and expertise;

8. *Decides* that the process shall raise levels of ambition and be informed, *inter alia*, by the fifth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the outcomes of the 2013-2015 review and the work of the Subsidiary Bodies;