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INFORMATION NOTE

This information note is addressed to Parties to the Convention and to Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, as well as to observer States. It is being sent to national focal points for climate change, and for those Parties that have not yet identified national focal points it is being sent to their diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany. In all cases, the communication is copied to the diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany and to permanent missions to the United Nations in New York and Geneva. For those Parties not accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, it is being sent to permanent missions in New York or ministries of foreign affairs as appropriate.

I am pleased to inform Parties, observer States and observer organizations to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol that the Bureau of the Convention met on Monday, 27 February 2006 and agreed on the following:

Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG)

The Bureau took note of the organizational arrangements for the first session as proposed by the secretariat and agreed that the Bureau members would consult Parties and the coordinators of the regional groups to accelerate the identification of a candidate to chair the AWG. Parties are invited to submit their nominations to the secretariat not later than 30 March 2006 so that the necessary consultations can be held.

The election of the Chair of the AWG is scheduled to be held at the first meeting of the AWG on 17 May 2006. Concerning the other officers, consultations will continue during the first session of the AWG. Nominations for the posts of Vice-Chair and Rapporteur may be submitted directly to the appropriate regional group coordinators.

Background information on the AWG and the election of its officers is contained in annex I to this notification.

Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention

The Bureau took note of the organizational arrangements proposed by the secretariat for the dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention. Annex II to this notification contains further details on the proposed arrangements.



The dialogue will be facilitated by two co-facilitators, one from a Party included in Annex I to the Convention and one from a Party not included in Annex I to the Convention, who will be selected by each group, respectively. The Bureau urged Parties to consult, at their earliest convenience, on the two co-facilitators and to communicate the names of the designated co-facilitators to the secretariat before 15 April 2006.

Venue of the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) and the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 2)

The Bureau decided to accept with gratitude the offer by the Government of Kenya to host COP 12 and COP/MOP 2 at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani, Nairobi, from 6 to 17 November 2006 and to request the secretariat to complete the corresponding host country agreement with Kenya.

The Bureau also noted that additional investments in infrastructure will be required to hold the conference and invited Parties in a position to do so to support the Government of Kenya in this important undertaking.

The formal notification, containing the provisional agendas and other details concerning the above-mentioned sessions, will be sent to Parties and observers in due course.

**Original Signed
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Annex I

Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (Bonn, 17 to 25 May)

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP), by its decision 1/CMP.1, decided to initiate a process to consider further commitments by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention for the period beyond 2012, in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol. It established an open-ended ad hoc working group of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to conduct that process and report to each session of the COP/MOP on the status of the process. The COP/MOP also agreed that the group shall aim to complete its work and have its results adopted by the COP/MOP as early as possible and in time to ensure that there is no gap between the first and second commitment periods. Furthermore, the COP/MOP agreed that the group would meet for the first time in conjunction with the twenty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (May 2006) and that subsequent meetings would be scheduled by the group. Parties were invited to submit to the secretariat, by 15 March 2006, their views regarding Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol.

Pursuant to rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, a subsidiary body (other than the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice) shall elect its Chair from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session, unless the COP/MOP decides otherwise. Rule 27 provides that the chairs, vice-chairs and rapporteurs of such subsidiary bodies shall be elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms of one year. Parties are also reminded of decision 36/CP.7 on improving the participation of women in elected bodies.

The provisional annotated agenda (FCCC/KP/AWG/2006/1) is available on the UNFCCC website: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2006/awg1/eng/01.pdf>.



Annex II

Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention (Bonn, 15 and 16 May 2006)

The Conference of the Parties (COP), by its decision 1/CP.11, resolved to engage in a dialogue, without prejudice to any future negotiations, commitments, process, framework or mandate under the Convention, to exchange experiences and analyse strategic approaches for long-term cooperative action to address climate change that includes, inter alia, the following areas:

- Advancing development goals in a sustainable way
- Addressing action on adaptation
- Realizing the full potential of technology
- Realizing the full potential of market-based opportunities.

The dialogue will take the form of an open and non-binding exchange of views, information and ideas in support of enhanced implementation of the Convention. It will be conducted under the guidance of the COP and will take place in up to four workshops, where possible pre-sessional workshops, open to all Parties, to be organized by the secretariat.

The dialogue will be facilitated by two co-facilitators, one from a Party included in Annex I to the Convention and one from a Party not included in Annex I to the Convention, who will be selected by each group, respectively. The Bureau urged Parties to consult, at their earliest convenience, on the selection of these co-facilitators and to communicate the names of the designated co-facilitators to the secretariat by 15 April 2006, at the latest. This would ensure that the co-facilitators have sufficient time to prepare and consult with the secretariat regarding organizational matters for the first workshop.

Attendance at the workshop by governments and observer organizations will be open-ended.

In its decision, the COP invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, not later than 15 April 2006, their initial views on the issues to be discussed in this dialogue. The Bureau encouraged Parties that are in a position to do so to submit their substantive views before 15 April 2006, to enable the secretariat to process submissions in a timely manner.

Parties in a position to do so are encouraged to contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process so that financial support can be offered to all eligible Parties and thus help ensure full participation in the dialogue.

Full interpretation and web casting facilities will be made available for the dialogue, and a dedicated area on the UNFCCC website will be set up. Posting on this dedicated area will start on 24 March 2006 and will include the schedule for the workshops, submissions from Parties and other organizational and logistical information. Documentation for the workshops will be made available in electronic form. Submissions from Parties will be posted on the UNFCCC website as quickly as possible after their receipt by the secretariat in order to assist Parties in their preparations for the workshop. Parties will, thus, have an opportunity to present their views to all workshop participants with the aim to facilitate discussions during the workshop.