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

First workshop

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA**VIEWS BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
ON THE CONSIDERATION OF A DIALOGUE ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE
ACTION TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE**

Recalling decision 1/CP.11 adopted at the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Climate Change Convention, the Republic of Korea welcomes the convening of a series of workshops as part of the process of initiating a dialogue on long-term cooperative action to mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change. It is the resolve of the Republic of Korea to contribute constructively with the Parties in devising strategic and effective approaches to climate change.

1. The Scope and Format of the Workshops

As stipulated in decision 1/CP.11, the workshops aim to provide a platform for sharing experiences, expertise and information among Parties in a common endeavor to (a) advance development goals in a sustainable way, (b) address action on adaptation, (c) realize the full potential of technology, and (d) realize the full potential of market-based opportunities.

From this it follows that the workshops may form the basis for future negotiations on a post-2012 regime, but shall not prejudice or affect in any way the nature and scope of official negotiations or talks on reduction mandates.

The Secretariat, along with the elected co-facilitators should thoroughly review and compile the submissions by the Parties regarding decision 1/CP.11, and identify, prior to the initial workshop, the topics to be discussed and general directions to be set.

With a view to promoting the exchange of experiences and information and following up on the proceedings of the dialogues, it is necessary for all stakeholders to participate, including the representatives of each Party, relevant organizations, research institutions, the business community as well as civil society.

2. Issues to be discussed

In regards to the issues to be discussed during the workshops, each main topic illustrated in paragraph 1 of the decision may be further detailed by subtopics. Such break-down of issues will enable the Parties to share a wide range of views and information concerning the four key areas.

The specific sub-topics for discussion under each key topic may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Advancing development goals in a sustainable way
 - achieving sustainable development that integrates climate change into socio-economic policy and national development strategies
 - disseminating sustainable lifestyle patterns throughout the private sector
- 2) Addressing action on adaptation
 - taking concerted action through joint research and policy cooperation
 - encouraging effective use of the Adaptation Fund
 - expanding long-term reliable financial resources for climate change adaptation

- strengthening capacity-building of developing countries for adaptation to climate change
- 3) Realizing the full potential of technology
 - strengthening the role and responsibility of Annex I Parties in technology transfer and dissemination
 - spurring bilateral and multilateral collaboration in technology
 - encouraging active participation of the private sector in technology transfer and diffusion
 - 4) Realizing the full potential of market-based opportunities
 - improving, to a significant level, the existing CDM procedures by shortening the project review period, streamlining baseline setting and additionality assessment as well as encouraging Unilateral CDM
 - expanding CDM by setting detailed criteria for programmes eligible for CDM activities
 - promoting capacity-building of developing countries with the aim of activating CDM projects

Where applicable, outcomes of research and analysis by international organizations such as the IPCC, as set out in paragraph 3 of the decision, may also provide the context for meaningful discussion and information-sharing.

With the SBSTA in the forefront, a number of in-session workshops were held under the auspices of the UNFCCC with regards to climate change mitigation and adaptation. A large quantity of information has already been compiled from the previous workshops and is now in hand for further deliberation. In light of this, the Secretariat should extract lessons learnt and information accumulated and report on them in the first workshop. The Secretariat is also advised to identify and make available to the Parties some of the possible topics to be discussed in the forthcoming workshops.

The Republic of Korea is hopeful that, with the results of the previous workshops and submission of views by the Parties regarding decision 1/CP.11, we will be able to move the talks forward and bring about positive outcomes at the first workshop to be held in May, 2006.
