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**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION  
UNDER THE CONVENTION**

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**Agenda item 4**

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### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) recalled its conclusions at its first and second sessions, including those at its second session resulting from its consideration of the work programme for 2009.<sup>1</sup>
2. Conscious of the approaching deadline for the completion of its work at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2009), the AWG-LCA determined that it would shift into full negotiating mode in 2009 and organize its work accordingly, advancing negotiation on all elements of the Bali Action Plan (decision 1/CP.13) in a comprehensive and balanced way. It further determined that any workshops organized during its sessions in 2009 should be limited to those that clarify issues that will form part of the outcome to be agreed at COP 15. It called upon all Parties to put forward further proposals regarding the content and form of the agreed outcome as early as possible, so that Parties might review and assess the scope and the progress of the negotiation at the sixth session of the AWG-LCA in June 2009.
3. Further to the understanding reached at its first session and reflected by the Chair in the report on that session,<sup>2</sup> the AWG-LCA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair in consultation with Parties, to organize a workshop at its fifth session on paragraphs 1 (b) (i) and 1 (b) (ii) of the Bali Action Plan. This workshop should be organized in two parts, each dealing with one of the above-mentioned paragraphs and together covering the substance of both paragraphs in their entirety.
4. The AWG-LCA further requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair in consultation with Parties, to organize two additional workshops at its fifth session, one on economic and social consequences of response measures (para. 1 (b) (vi) of the Bali Action Plan), and the other on opportunities and challenges for mitigation in the agricultural sector.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/8.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraph 20.

5. With respect to the calendar of meetings for 2009, the AWG-LCA stressed the importance of avoiding schedule clashes with other important international meetings or events related to climate change, providing sufficient time between its sessions for work in capitals and contacts among delegations, and allowing time for the Group of 77 and China and other groups to coordinate their positions.
6. The AWG-LCA invited its Chair to continue to make proposals for the organization of its work in 2009, taking into account the importance of the continuity and stability of the process, as well as of responding flexibly to the evolving needs of the negotiation.

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