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Note by the Chair**

I. Introduction

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), at its fifth session, requested the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) to deliver the results of its work pursuant to decision 1/CMP.1 to the CMP for adoption at its sixth session.¹
2. The fifteenth session of the AWG-KP will be held in conjunction with the sixth session of the CMP in Cancun, Mexico. The provisional agenda and annotations for the session has been made available in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/15.
3. The group has met four times since the Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009. The progress and status of the work of the AWG-KP to date is reflected in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/17.

* To continue for as long as necessary, as per document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/3, paragraph 21.

** This document was submitted after the due date owing to the short interval between the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

¹ Decision 1/CMP.5.

II. Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol

4. The AWG-KP has made some progress on technical aspects, in terms of better understanding of ideas and proposals from Parties which are presented in the form of options in the text that emerged from AWG-KP 14.² Given the variety and complexity of some of the options, a political decision may be necessary on which option or, alternatively, a compromise version thereof, may form the basis for consensus.

5. While being aware of the separate nature of the negotiations within the AWG-KP and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), the Chair is mindful of the fact that arriving at an agreement on one issue within the AWG-KP could very well depend on the outcome of a broadly related issue under negotiation within the AWG-LCA. In this regard, the Chair wishes to remind the AWG-KP of the offer of the President of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the sixth session of the CMP to assist Parties in arriving at outcomes in negotiations under both the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA.

6. The Chair further wishes to recall the informal consultations conducted during AWG-KP 14 on Parties' expectations for an outcome in Cancun that is balanced and on the possible elements of such an outcome. Parties expressed their strong desire to work towards a balanced package, although there were differing views on what such a package could constitute. It is the Chair's intention to present a proposal to the AWG-KP that could facilitate such an outcome.

7. The Chair is forever mindful that the ultimate aim of the AWG-KP is to finalize its work on further commitments for Parties included in Annex I for the period beyond 2010 in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol. In this regard, the Chair intends to include in his proposal elements on all aspects of the work of the AWG-KP in the form a draft decision, aimed at substantially advancing the work of the group.

8. The elements of the proposal by the Chair will be in the form of a decision that covers the full scope of the outcome of the AWG-KP in a balanced manner. The elements of the decision will be drawn from the draft proposal by the Chair to facilitate preparations for negotiations contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/17. The Chair will also consult Parties through the regional groups and bilaterally.

III. Organizational matters

A. Proposals for the organization of the session

9. The provisional agenda for the session³ contains one substantive item, namely item 3 ("Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol").

10. Arrangements for two plenary meetings have been made as follows:

(a) An opening plenary, scheduled for Monday, 29 November, will be held to open the session, adopt the agenda, agree on the organization of the work of the session and hear opening statements from groups of Parties and take up agenda items 3 and 4;

² FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/17.

³ FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/15.

(b) A closing plenary will be held to take stock of the work done by the AWG-KP to date and adopt any draft decisions and its report to the CMP.

11. The Chair may convene a plenary meeting between 29 November and the closing of the AWG-KP, if necessary.

12. All six bodies under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol will convene at the Cancun conference. Therefore the time available for each of the bodies, including the AWG-KP, will be very limited. In order to make effective use of the limited time available in Cancun, the Chair proposes that the arrangements for the organization of work at this session will slightly deviate from that of the last few sessions. The Chair proposes to establish a single contact group covering all aspects of work of the AWG-KP. A contact group, to be established, will organize the work. This contact group will be open to all Parties and observer organizations and will be chaired by the Chair of the AWG-KP.

13. The Chair remains fully committed to the objective of contributing to a successful outcome in Cancun. In pursuit of this objective, the Chair will consult fully with the President of COP 16 and CMP 6.

B. Documents prepared for the session

14. In light of the repeated requests from a number of Parties and with a view to capturing progress and reaching consensus as negotiations progress, the Chair presented a draft proposal⁴ at AWG-KP 13.

15. This document, after being considered at AWG-KP 14, was revised and made available as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.3. The Chair invited Parties to submit their views on the revised document to the secretariat by 31 October 2010. The submissions from Parties have been compiled into a miscellaneous document and made available as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.7.

16. The AWG-KP agreed to forward the text contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.3 as a regular document (FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/17) for consideration at its fifteenth session.

⁴ FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.2.