



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

Ninth session

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Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters

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Scenario note on the ninth session

Note by the Chair*

I. Introduction

1. At its fifteenth session, the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) to enable it to continue its work with a view to presenting the outcome of its work to the COP for adoption at its sixteenth session.¹

2. At the same session, the COP also requested the AWG-LCA to continue its work drawing on the report of the AWG-LCA presented to the COP at its fifteenth session as well as the work undertaken by the COP on the basis of that report.²

3. The AWG-LCA, at its eighth session, did not have the opportunity to consider the organization of its work for 2010. Therefore, the Chair invited Parties to submit to the secretariat their views on how best to advance the work of the AWG-LCA in 2010, including views, ideas and proposals on: organization of the work in 2010, including on how to ensure that the negotiating process remains transparent in delivering substantive outcomes; initiatives the Chair could take to facilitate progress; and other aspects relevant to the work of the AWG-LCA in 2010. In addition, the Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and

* This document was submitted after the due date because there was insufficient time to finalize it before the document deadline.

¹ Decision 1/CP.15, paragraph 1.

² Decision 1/CP.15, paragraph 2. The report of the AWG-LCA on its eighth session containing the draft decisions presented to the COP at its fifteenth session has been issued as document FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/17. The work undertaken by the COP at its fifteenth session on the basis of the report presented to it by the AWG-LCA has been compiled in document FCCC/CP/2010/2.

the AWG-LCA jointly invited Parties to submit their views on the need for additional meeting time for the ad hoc working groups in 2010.³

4. Both invitations have received good responses and the Chair thanks all Parties for the useful inputs. The submissions have been compiled into a miscellaneous document for the session.⁴

5. Following a decision by the Bureau of the COP, the ninth session of the AWG-LCA will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 9 to 11 April 2010, in conjunction with the eleventh session of the AWG-KP. The secretariat has issued annotations to the provisional agenda for the session.⁵ The purpose of this note is to share with delegations the initial ideas of the Chair of the AWG-LCA on the objective and the organization of the work of the session.

II. Objective of the session

6. In line with the views of Parties expressed in response to the invitation for submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above, the principal objective of the ninth session of the AWG-LCA should be to allow the AWG-LCA to agree on the organization of its work for 2010. This needs to take into account the significant progress made in Copenhagen, an assessment of the issues that remain unresolved and a shared understanding of what can and needs to be achieved by COP 16.

7. In order to focus the negotiations and to provide strategic direction to the work, the Chair would find it helpful to develop a shared sense of what the unresolved issues are and how they interrelate, including how progress on some of these issues may contribute to, or be dependent on, 'unlocking' other unresolved issues.

8. The AWG-LCA needs to consider which approaches and working methods are best suited to the task at hand and most likely to result in consensus on an outcome to be presented at the sixteenth session of the COP in Mexico. The Chair proposes that the AWG-LCA, at its tenth session, establish a single contact group to address the issues under negotiation in a coherent manner. This could be combined with work in drafting groups on specific issues as needed.

9. Improvements and innovation in working methods, based on principles and models within the United Nations, could further help to advance the negotiations. Parties have made several suggestions in this regard in their submissions. In particular, the AWG-LCA could undertake informal efforts to reach consensus through settings which ensure inclusiveness through representation, transparency through open-ended access, and efficiency through strategic use of negotiating time. Such settings could be well suited for particularly difficult and interdependent issues.

10. In their submissions, a number of Parties also expressed interest in drawing on the points of convergence reflected in the Copenhagen Accord⁶ and utilizing them to advance the work of the AWG-LCA, where appropriate. How best to do that would need to be addressed when the AWG-LCA considers the organization of its work.

11. In elaborating its work programme the AWG-LCA may also need to address questions related to the objective and outcome of the work of the AWG-LCA, which is to be presented to the COP at its sixteenth session. This could include questions regarding the nature of the agreed outcome and aspects of its implementation. In this regard it is worth noting that the COP, at its fifteenth session, also

³ <http://unfccc.int/files/parties_and_observers/notifications/application/pdf/information_note_20100202.pdf>.

⁴ FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.1–FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.1.

⁵ FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/1.

⁶ Decision 2/CP.15.

mandated the Government of Mexico to make the necessary arrangements in order to facilitate the work towards the success of the sixteenth session of the COP.⁷

12. The organization of work for 2010 is also linked to the question on the need for additional meeting time for the AWG-LCA in the year 2010. The AWG-LCA should decide, at its ninth session, on the need for any additional meeting(s), including the number and duration of such meeting(s), to allow the necessary arrangements to be made in time in consultation with the Bureau of the COP.

13. Due to the limited time available at the ninth session and in order to facilitate preparation by Parties, the Chair intends to prepare an informal note on possible elements for draft conclusions on the organization and methods of work of the AWG-LCA in 2010. This note will be made available on the UNFCCC website one week in advance of the session. The Chair encourages Parties to consider the note and exchange views on the suggested elements in their coordination meetings prior to the beginning of the session.

III. Organization of the work of the session

14. The opening plenary is scheduled for the morning of Friday, 9 April. The Chair will make opening remarks and introduce the possible elements for draft conclusions and invite groups of Parties to make statements.

15. The Chair intends to hold informal consultations on the organization and methods of work of the AWG-LCA in 2010 and will invite a delegate to facilitate the consultations on specific issues such as the calendar of meetings in 2010.

16. On Sunday, 11 April, a closing plenary is scheduled to adopt the conclusions.

⁷ Decision 1/CP.15, paragraph 3.