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Scenario note on the second part of the sixteenth session

Note by the Chair*

I. Introduction

1. The second part of the sixteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 7 to 17 June 2011.
2. Parties are reminded that the annotated agenda for the session is contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/1. The Chair also wishes to remind Parties of the issues raised in his scenario note for the first part of the sixteenth session, most of which remain relevant. The questions raised by the Chair and by Parties, to stimulate discussion in the contact group on the unresolved policy issues, are available on the UNFCCC website and remain relevant for the resumed session.¹
3. The purpose of this note is to share with delegations reflections on the first part of the sixteenth session and to inform them of the proposed organization of work for the second part.

II. Reflections on the first part of the sixteenth session

4. At the stock-taking plenary on Friday, 8 April 2011, in Bangkok, Thailand, the Chair summarized the discussions and highlighted the following themes:

* This document was submitted after the due date owing to the short interval between the first part and the second part of the sixteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

¹ <http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/4577.php>.

- (a) Recognition of the need for political clarity on the future of the Kyoto Protocol, particularly on the question of a second commitment period;
 - (b) Better understanding of the relationship between the rules and the targets;
 - (c) Broad agreement that the rules must ensure environmental integrity;
 - (d) General recognition that both rules and targets are needed to finalize the commitments of Annex I Parties for a second commitment period;
 - (e) Broad support for the usefulness of an analysis on how choices of rules could affect the ambition level of the pledges by Parties.
5. The Chair understands that Parties found the content and format of the contact group discussion during the first part of the session useful, and notes the desire among Parties to continue this discussion in the second part.

III. Mode of work

6. As decided by the AWG-KP in Bangkok, the Chair requested that the report of the workshop on assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties be made available at the second part of the sixteenth session as an additional input to the relevant work and discussions under the AWG-KP. The report is contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/7.
7. The Chair notes that the technical paper on quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties: assumptions, conditions and comparison of the level of emission reduction effort to be considered by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention, covers issues currently under discussion in the AWG-KP. The technical paper is contained in FCCC/TP/2011/1.
8. The Chair intends to resume the session with a short plenary meeting on Tuesday, 7 June, to provide an opportunity for statements by groups. The plenary will be followed, on Wednesday, 8 June, by the resumption of the contact group on agenda item 3 chaired by the Chair of the AWG-KP.
9. Decision 1/CMP.6 requested the AWG-KP to continue its work on the proposals now contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18/Add.1. The Chair notes that the chapters of the above-mentioned document contain not only technical issues, but also, to varying degrees, unresolved policy and political issues. The Chair will provide Parties with the opportunity to consult informally on how to take this work forward. The Chair wishes to thank those who have made themselves available to facilitate this work.
10. The informal consultations on the formation of a legal group, conducted by the Vice-Chair of the AWG-KP, indicated that there was broad support for a legal group to be convened in June. While there is need for further consultation on the scope of the work that such a group may undertake, the legal options to address a possible gap between the first and second commitment periods appears to be an issue of common interest. The Chair has therefore made arrangements to facilitate meetings of the legal group should the contact group decide to convene this group during the second part of the session.
11. The Chair will undertake pre-session consultations with Parties to discuss the organization of the second part and its expected outcomes. Parties will have the opportunity to share with the Chair and Vice-Chair their perspectives on the work of the AWG-KP at the second part of the session and beyond. All groups and Parties are invited to contact the

secretariat, if they would like to schedule a meeting with the Chair and Vice-Chair. Groups and Parties are also welcome to contact the Chair and Vice-Chair directly on any matter.
