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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

A. Host Government welcoming ceremony

- 1. On Monday, 4 April 2011, a welcoming ceremony organized by the Government of Thailand was held in Bangkok, Thailand, to mark the opening of the sixteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and the fourteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Longterm Cooperative Action under the Convention.
- 2. Statements were made by Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and Mr. Suwit Khunkitti, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Royal Kingdom of Thailand.

B. Opening and resumption of the session

- 3. The first part of the sixteenth session of the AWG-KP was held at the United Nations Conference Centre at UNESCAP in Bangkok from 5 to 8 April 2011. The Chair of the AWG-KP, Mr. Adrian Macey (New Zealand), opened the first part of the sixteenth session on 5 April. He welcomed all Parties and observers, and expressed his appreciation to the Government of Thailand for hosting the first part of the sixteenth session of the AWG-KP.
- 4. The session was suspended on 8 April and was resumed at the Maritim Hotel in Bonn, Germany, from 7 to 17 June 2011.
- 5. The Chair of the AWG-KP opened the second part of the sixteenth session of the AWG-KP on 7 June and welcomed all Parties and observers to the third plenary meeting of the session.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2(a))

- 6. At its 1st meeting, on 5 April, the AWG-KP considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/1).
- 7. At this meeting, the agenda was adopted as follows:
 - 1. Opening of the session.
 - 2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session;
 - (c) Election of officers.
 - Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

- 4. Other matters.
- 5. Report on the session.
- 8. Statements were then made by three Parties.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2(b))

- 9. The AWG-KP considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 5 April.
- 10. At this meeting, the Chair referred to the scenario note prepared for the first part of the session, contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/2. The Chair then outlined his proposed sequence of work for the session. The AWG-KP agreed to the proposed organization of the work.
- 11. Statements were then made by representatives of 18 Parties, including statements on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the African Group, the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), the European Union (EU) and its 27 member States, the least developed countries (LDCs), the Umbrella Group, the Central American Integration System, the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), the Coalition for Rainforest Nations and the Arab Group.

C. Election of officers

(Agenda item 2(c))

- 12. At the 3rd meeting, on 7 June, the Chair recalled that the AWG-KP was expected to elect its Rapporteur. He informed delegates that consultations on nominations were being undertaken.
- 13. This sub-item was considered at the 4th meeting, on 17 June. At the same meeting, the AWG-KP elected Ms. Erika Hasznos (Hungary) as its Rapporteur. The AWG-KP was informed that the elected officer would serve as of the third part of the sixteenth session.

III. Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 3)

- 14. The AWG-KP considered this item at its 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th meetings, on 5 April, 8 April, 7 June and 17 June, respectively.
- 15. At its 1st meeting, the AWG-KP had before it documents FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/1 and FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/2.
- 16. The Chair reminded delegates that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), by its decision 1/CMP.6, requested the AWG-KP to continue its work on the proposals contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18/Add.1.
- 17. The Chair reiterated his suggestion, indicated in his scenario note, ¹ to launch an open, inclusive and transparent discussion on the issues listed in the above-mentioned document. He highlighted that establishing a contact group where such a discussion would be undertaken would allow the issues holding up progress in the negotiations of the AWG-KP (as indicated in the scenario note) to be addressed in one place and at an appropriate

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¹ FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/2.

level. This would help advance the work on the proposals contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18/Add.1.

- 18. At its 1st meeting, the AWG-KP agreed to establish a contact group on the consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, to be chaired by the Chair of the AWG-KP, as proposed.
- 19. At the same meeting, a statement was made by one Party. In addition, statements were made on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations (BINGOs), indigenous peoples organizations (IPOs), local government and municipal authorities (LGMAs), youth non-governmental organizations (YOUNGOs), the women and gender non-governmental organizations and by two representatives of environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGOs).
- 20. At the 2nd meeting, the Chair reported on the progress made during the session. He thanked Parties for their constructive engagement in the discussion.
- 21. Statements were made by representatives of 14 Parties, including statements on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, AOSIS, the Umbrella Group, the EU and its 27 member States, LDCs and the Arab Group. In addition, statements were made on behalf of ENGOs, IPOs, LGMAs, YOUNGOs and the women and gender non-governmental organizations.
- 22. At the same meeting, the secretariat reported on a decision by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties regarding possible additional sessions later in 2011. The Chair then suspended the session.
- 23. At its 3^{rd} meeting, the AWG-KP resumed is sixteenth session and had before it documents FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18/Add.1, FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/3 and FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/INF.1.
- 24. The Chair recalled that the AWG-KP had started a very important discussion in Bangkok in the contact group referred to in paragraph 17 above. In the light of the work still to be done, he encouraged Parties to make the best use of the time available in Bonn to allow work to advance, with a view to reaching an outcome in Durban, South Africa.
- 25. The Executive Secretary provided Parties with an update on the organization by the secretariat of technical assessments on the submissions made by Annex I Parties on the forest management reference levels, as mandated by the CMP in its decision 2/CMP.6, paragraph 5.
- 26. The Chair, in presenting his scenario note on the second part of the session,² emphasized that this note was issued as a supplement to the note on the first part of the session,³ and that the issues highlighted in the latter consequently remained relevant.
- 27. Statements were made by representatives of 13 Parties, including statements on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Umbrella Group, the EU and its 27 member States, AOSIS, the African Group, EIG, LDCs, the Arab Group, the Coalition for Rainforest Nations and the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA). In addition, statements were made on behalf of ENGOs, BINGOs and YOUNGOs.
- 28. At the 4th meeting, the Chair summarized the progress achieved by the AWG-KP at the second part of its sixteenth session. The Chair reported on the meetings of the contact group referred to in paragraph 17 above, which in his view were constructive, and took note of some elements he wished to summarize and underline.

² FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/3.

³ FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/2.

- 29. He also introduced the revised proposal by the Chair to facilitate negotiations, reflecting the progress achieved by Parties at the session. He thanked all Parties for having engaged in this work, and noted that the streamlined text would facilitate advancing the work of the AWG-KP at the third part of the session.
- 30. Statements were made by representatives of 14 Parties, including statements on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the EU and its 27 member States, the Umbrella Group, AOSIS, EIG, the African Group, LDCs, the Coalition for Rainforest Nations and the ALBA countries. In addition, statements were made on behalf of BINGOs, ENGOs and YOUNGOs.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

- 31. At the 1st meeting of the AWG-KP, on 5 April, the Group of 77 and China requested the Chair to ensure that the report on the workshop on assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties,⁵ which took place on 3 April 2011 in Bangkok, be made available to the AWG-KP. At the 2nd meeting, on 8 April, the Chair confirmed that he had taken action regarding this request.
- 32. At the 3rd meeting, on 7 June, the Chair confirmed the availability of the report, as announced in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/INF.1. He indicated that the report would provide good input for Parties to continue the discussion in the contact group.

V. Report on the first and second parts of the session

(Agenda item 5)

- 33. At its 4th meeting, on 17 June, the AWG-KP considered the draft report contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/L.1.
- 34. At the same meeting, the AWG-KP adopted the draft report on the first and second parts of its sixteenth session as orally amended in the course of the meeting.
- 35. On a proposal by the Chair and in the absence of the Rapporteur, the AWG-KP authorized the Chair to complete the report on the first and second parts of the session with the assistance of the secretariat.

VI. Suspension of the session

- 36. At the 4th meeting, on 17 June, the Chair recalled that Parties had expressed willingness during the contact group discussions to suspend the session. The AWG-KP therefore decided to proceed with the suspension. The sixteenth session of the AWG-KP will be resumed at its next meeting, when the third part of the session will begin and the formal work of the contact group and focused informal work on specific issues will be continued.
- 37. The Chair thanked the Vice-Chair for her work during the session. He also thanked delegates with regard to their engagement in issues of both a political and a technical nature, and in particular those who made themselves available to facilitate the work of the AWG-KP.
- 38. The Chair then declared the sixteenth session of the AWG-KP suspended.

⁴ FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/CRP.1.

⁵ FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/7.

Annex

Documents prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol at its sixteenth session

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/1 Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by

the Executive Secretary

FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/2 Scenario note on the sixteenth session. Note by

the Chair

FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/3 Scenario note on the second part of the

sixteenth session. Note by the Chair

FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/INF.1 Information on the report on the workshop on

assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of economy-wide emission reduction targets by the developed country

Parties. Note by the secretariat

FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/L.1 Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on

Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on its sixteenth session

FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/CRP.1 Revised proposal by the Chair to facilitate

negotiations

Other documents before the session

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18 and Add.1 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on

Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on its fifteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to

10 December 2010

FCCC/KP/CMP/2010/12/Add.1 Report of the Conference of the Parties serving

as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on its sixth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010. Part Two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to

the Kyoto Protocol at its sixth session

FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/7 Workshop on assumptions and conditions

related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties, as requested by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 38. Report by the

Co-Chairs of the workshop

FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1 Compilation of economy-wide emission

reduction targets to be implemented by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Revised

note by the secretariat