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Submission from the Philippines

1. On 1 September 2011, the secretariat received a submission from a Party on agenda item 3.3. The secretariat was requested to issue a conference room paper containing this submission.
2. This submission is attached and reproduced¹ in the language in which it was received and without formal editing. The submission has also been posted on the UNFCCC website.²

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² <http://unfccc.int/meetings/ad_hoc_working_groups/lca/items/4578.php>.

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Note by the Facilitator

The Conference of the Parties

Recalling Articles 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 7.2 (i) of the Convention,

Also Recalling decision 1/CP. 16,

Reaffirming that adaptation is a challenge faced by all parties, and that enhanced action and international cooperation on adaptation is urgently required to enable and support the implementation of adaptation actions aimed at reducing vulnerability and building resilience in developing country Parties, taking into account the urgent and immediate needs of those developing countries that are particularly vulnerable,

Reaffirming also that enhanced action on adaptation should be undertaken in accordance with the Convention, should follow a country-driven, gender-sensitive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking in consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, traditional and indigenous knowledge, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate,

Having established the Adaptation Committee in decision 1/CP. 16, paragraph 20, *Emphasizing* that the work of the Adaptation Committee should be guided by the need for effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, good governance and avoiding duplication of work, and should take into account gender perspectives,

Governance

1. Affirms that the Adaptation Committee shall be the overall advisory body to the Conference of the Parties on adaptation, and shall promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention, inter alia, through the following functions:

(a) Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties, respecting the country-driven approach, with a view to facilitating the implementation of adaptation activities, including those listed in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 14 and 15, where appropriate;

(b) Strengthening, consolidating and enhancing the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices, at the local, national, regional and international levels, taking into account, as appropriate, traditional knowledge practices;

(c) Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks, in order to enhance the implementation of adaptation actions, in particular in developing country Parties;

(d) Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building and other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability, including to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate;

(e) Considering information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received, possible needs and gaps and other relevant information, including information communicated under the Convention, with a view to recommending what further actions may be required, as appropriate;

2. *Decides* that the Adaptation Committee shall operate under the authority and guidance of, and be fully accountable to, the Conference of the Parties, which should decide on its policies in line with relevant decisions;

Operational modalities for performing the functions of the Adaptation Committee

3. *Requests* the Adaptation Committee, in performing its functions, to undertake the following, inter alia:

(a) Providing guidance and technical support to Parties, upon request, including through workshops and meetings;

(b) Providing technical expertise and guidance on adaptation to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, and to other existing and newly established adaptation-related work programmes, bodies and institutions under the Convention, as appropriate;

(b) Compiling, reviewing, synthesizing and disseminating information, knowledge, experience and good practices, including through regional centres and networks and as well as national entities;

(c) Developing and preparing targeted reports, technical papers, guidance materials, methodologies, compendiums, web-based resources and other knowledge products;

(d) Creating channels and mechanisms to exchange information, knowledge and expertise, including through the creation of networks of experts at the regional and international levels;

(e) Preparing an annual or biennial report on the status of adaptation, drawing on information from Parties, and other relevant reports and documents, that includes, inter alia, identified experiences, lessons learned, gaps and needs and areas requiring further attention;

Linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements under and outside of the Convention, including at the national and regional levels

4. *Requests* the Adaptation Committee to engage and work closely and in a coordinated manner with all existing and newly established adaptation-related work programmes, bodies and institutions under the Convention, including **but not limited to, the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change; the Least Developed Countries Expert Group; the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention; the work programme on loss and damage; the Technology Mechanism, including the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network; the financial mechanism, including related institutions, and funds such as the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund and its Board, the Standing Committee, the Global Environment Facility, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund** as appropriate, through providing **technical expertise and** guidance,

formulating joint programmes of work, undertaking joint activities and convening timely consultations and joint meetings;

5. *Requests* also the Adaptation Committee to develop linkages with relevant institutions and bodies outside the Convention, where appropriate, and to guide and draw upon the expertise, as appropriate, of regional adaptation centres and networks and national-level institutions;

Procedures

6. *Requests* the Adaptation Committee to develop a strategic mid-term work programme, with annual work plans that specify its milestones, activities and deliverables in performing its agreed functions, linkages with other institutional arrangements under and outside of the Convention, resources needed to support its work and procedures for measuring its performance and impact, for approval by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session/ ~~the subsidiary bodies at their thirty-seventh session;~~

7. *Requests* the Adaptation Committee to report annually to the Conference of the Parties/ ~~to the Conference of the Parties through the subsidiary bodies~~, including on its activities, performance of its functions, guidance, recommendations and other relevant information arising from its work, and, as appropriate, on further action and guidance to other bodies under the Convention, including those relating to the financial mechanism, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties/ the subsidiary bodies;

8. *Encourages* the Adaptation Committee to establish subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad-hoc working groups, if required, to provide, inter alia, expert advice in different sectors and areas, in order to assist the Adaptation Committee in performing its functions and achieving its objectives;

Composition

9. *Decides* that the Adaptation Committee shall comprise xxx members, who shall serve in their personal capacity, and nominated by their respective groups or constituencies and elected by the Conference of the Parties, **from the five regional groupings of the United Nations, with at least two-thirds coming from developing countries** ~~with the aim of achieving fair, equitable and balance representation,~~ as follows:

Option 1

- (a) (x) members from Africa;
- (b) (x) members from Asia;
- (c) (x) members from Latin America and the Caribbean;
- (d) (x) members from Eastern Europe;
- (e) (x) members from Western Europe and Others;
- (f) (x) members from small island developing States;
- (g) (x) members from least developed country Parties;

Option 2

- (a) (x) members from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties);
- (b) (x) members from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties);

Option 3

- (a) **(x) members from Africa;**
- (b) **(x) members from Asia;**
- (c) **(x) members from Latin America and the Caribbean;**
- (d) **(x) members from Eastern Europe;**
- (e) **(x) members from Western Europe and Others.**

10. *Urges* Parties to ensure that the membership achieves an appropriate balance of local, indigenous, practical, sectoral, technical, policy, legal, social, and financial experience, knowledge and expertise in the areas of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, while taking into account the need to achieve gender balance in accordance with decision 36/CP. 7;
11. *Decides* that the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group should serve as an ex-officio member;
12. *Decides* that members shall serve for a term of two/three years, and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office, and that the following rules apply:
 - (a) Half of the members shall be elected initially for a term of three years, and half of the members shall be elected for a term of two years;
 - (b) Thereafter, the Conference of the Parties shall elect members for a term of two/three years;
 - (c) The members shall remain in office until their successors are elected;
13. *Decides* that if a member of the Adaptation Committee resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, the Adaptation Committee may decide, bearing in mind the proximity of the next session of the Conference of the Parties, to appoint another member from the same group or constituency to replace said member for the remainder of that member's mandate, in which case the appointment shall count as one term;

Chairmanship

14. *Decides* that the Adaptation Committee shall elect annually/biannually a chair and a vice-chair from among its members to serve for a term of one/two year/s each, with one being a member from an Annex I Party and the other being a member from a non-Annex I Party, and that the positions of chair and vice-chair shall alternate annually/biannually between a member from an Annex I Party and a member from a non-Annex I Party;

Decision-making

15. *Decides* that decisions of the Adaptation Committee shall be taken by consensus;

Meetings and observer participation

16. *Decides* that the Adaptation Committee shall convene its first meeting soon after the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties at which members of the Adaptation Committee shall be elected;
17. *Decides* that, thereafter, the Adaptation Committee shall meet at least twice a year, while retaining its flexibility to adjust the number of meetings to suit its needs;
18. *Requests* the Adaptation Committee to invite advisers from relevant intergovernmental, international, regional, and national organizations as well as private sector and civil society to participate in its meetings as expert advisers on specific issues, as need;
19. *Decides* that meetings of the Adaptation Committee shall be open to attendance by accredited observer organizations, except where otherwise decided by the Adaptation Committee, with a view to maintaining a balanced representation of observers from Annex I Parties and non-Annex I Parties;
20. *Decides* that English shall be the working language of the Adaptation Committee and that the full text of all outputs of the Adaptation Committee shall be made publicly available via the UNFCCC secretariat's website;

Secretariat

21. *Decides* that the UNFCCC secretariat shall support and facilitate the work of the Adaptation Committee, including supporting its meetings, providing secretarial assistance to the Chair and Vice-Chair, preparing reports and technical paper, and performing any other function assigned by the Adaptation Committee, subject to the availability of resources;

Budget

22. **Decides that Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund, the Global Environment Facility, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and other operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, fund the operations of the Adaptation Committee and its secretariat and the plans/programs/projects/activities of developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change identified through their respective National Adaptation Planning (NAP) processes or through National Communications consistent with Articles 4.4 and 4.5 of the Convention.**

Review

22. *Decides* that the objective, functions and performance of the Adaptation Committee shall be reviewed by the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session, and thereafter every three years, with a view to ensuring effectiveness and efficiency.
