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**Submission by Mediators Beyond Borders International on**  
**The Work of the AWG-LCA Contact Group, Agenda item 3.1**  
**A Shared Vision for Long-Term Cooperative Action**

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**1. Introduction:**

Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBB) is an accredited observer organization of the UNFCCC since Fall of 2009. Since that time, MBB members have attended UNFCCC sessions in Bangkok, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Bonn, Cancun, and Panama promoting sustainable conflict resolution capacity and advocating for the inclusion of mediation into legally binding instruments.

Mediators Beyond Borders - Partnering for Peace & Reconciliation is a non-profit, humanitarian organization established to partner with communities worldwide to build their conflict resolution capacity for preventing, resolving and healing from conflict. This partnership involves the design and implementation of sustainable peace building initiatives responsive to the needs and culture of the communities, and to the history of each conflict.

Mediators Beyond Borders interprets "beyond borders" broadly. It acts across geographical, political, economic, societal, and cultural boundaries. MBB partners with NGO's, universities, political and activist groups, community organizations, professional societies, environmental, commercial and other entities worldwide to develop skills for group facilitation, public dialogue, strategic planning, collaborative negotiation, peer mediation, restorative justice, and public policy consensus building.

MBB considers the term mediator to be inclusive of a broad range of conflict management and resolution endeavors. Activities such as conciliation, consulting, facilitation, consensus building, conducting public dialogues, system design, restorative justice initiatives, education and capacity building to mitigate or prevent violence are all encompassed within a sweeping definition of mediator.



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## **2. Proposal to Submit**

MBB respectfully requests the UNFCCC Executive Secretary to post the following Submission on the UNFCCC website for consideration by the AWG-LCA; work of the AWG-LCA contract group, Agenda item 3.1. This is in accordance with the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-Term Cooperative Action under the Convention, in report FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3; where the AWG-LCA invited accredited observer organizations to provide additional information, views and proposals on paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan, as may be required for each session.

## **3. Submission**

Reflecting on the “Consolidated text for a draft decision” prepared by the facilitator, and presented to the Parties for consideration, on 6 October during the AWG-LCA, Fourteenth session, third part, Panama City, 1-7 October 2011, for Agenda item 3.1, a shared vision for long-term cooperative action;

MBB proposes the inclusion of the term “mediation” in the shared vision for long-term cooperative action language, as a mechanism to resolve in a balanced, neutral, integrated, and comprehensive manner, disputes stemming from the implementation, interpretation, and consequences of the policies implemented by UNFCCC related actions.

MBB proposes the following text for consideration:

“Recognizing that disputes are an inevitable and adverse effect of climate change, the Parties are encouraged to use mediation, conciliation, arbitration, and actions before the International Court of Justice to settle their climate change disputes.”

Respectfully submitted,

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