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Agenda item 3 Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17

## Draft conclusions proposed by the Co-Chairs

## **Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action**

The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, at its first session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session:

## Draft decision -/CP.18

## **Advancing the Durban Platform**

The Conference of the Parties,

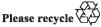
Recalling decision 1/CP.17,

*Recognizing* that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet and thus requires to be urgently addressed by all Parties, and acknowledging that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, with a view to accelerating the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions,

*Noting with grave concern* the significant gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation pledges in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C or 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels,

*Recognizing* that fulfilling the ultimate objective of the Convention will require strengthening of the multilateral, rules-based regime under the Convention,

Noting decision -/CMP.8,<sup>1</sup>



<sup>\*</sup> The closing date of the second part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action will be determined in due course.

Also noting decision -/CP.18,2

Further noting General Assembly resolution 66/288 entitled "The Future We Want",

1. *Welcomes with high appreciation* the successful start, as a matter of urgency, of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, including the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition, and the progress that has been made in 2012;

2. *Endorses* the arrangement for the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, as set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 7, recognizing that this is an exception to rule 27, paragraphs 5 and 6, of the draft rules of procedure being applied;

3. *Notes* the agenda adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, as set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 13, including the initiation of two workstreams: one on matters related to paragraphs 2 to 6 of decision 1/CP.17 (agenda item 3(a)) and one on matters related to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the same decision (agenda item 3(b));

4. *Determined* to adopt a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties (hereinafter referred to as the 2015 agreement) at its twenty-first session, due to be held from Wednesday, 2 December to Sunday, 13 December 2015, and for it to come into effect and be implemented from 2020;

5. *Decides* to identify and to explore in 2013 options for a range of actions that can close the pre-2020 ambition gap with a view to identifying further activities for its plan of work in 2014 ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts under the Convention by all Parties, emphasizing the importance of the means of implementation for all Parties, particularly for developing country Parties;

6. *Welcomes* the planning of work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, as set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/L.4, including, inter alia, on mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity-building, and transparency of action and support;

7. *Underlines* the importance of high-level engagement on matters related to decision 1/CP.17;

8. *Welcomes* the announcement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to convene world leaders in 2014;

9. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action will consider elements for a draft negotiating text no later than at its session to be held in conjunction with the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties, due to be held from Wednesday, 3 December to Sunday, 14 December 2014, with a view to making available a negotiating text before May 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Draft decision proposed for adoption under agenda item 5 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Draft decision proposed for adoption under agenda item 5 of the Conference of the Parties.