

## **Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention**

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Agenda item 3(b)(i)

**Measurable, reportable and verifiable nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions, including quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives, by all developed country Parties, while ensuring the comparability of efforts among them, taking into account differences in their national circumstances**

### **Submission from the African States**

1. On 28 November 2012, the secretariat received a submission from a group of Parties. The secretariat was requested to issue a conference room paper containing this submission.
2. This submission is attached and reproduced\*\* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.<sup>1</sup>

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\* The second part of the session will be held in conjunction with the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. The closing date will be determined in due course.

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<sup>1</sup> Also available at <<http://unfccc.int/bodies/awg-lca/items/4578.php>>.

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**Under AWGLCA agenda item 3(b) (i) – Measurable, reportable and verifiable nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions, including quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives, by all developed country Parties, while ensuring the comparability of efforts among them**

**DRAFT DECISION ON ENHANCED MITIGATION COMMITMENTS BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

The Conference of the Parties,

*Recalling* Article 4, paragraphs 2(a) and (b) of the Convention;

*Recalling* decision 1/CP.13 in relation to ensuring the comparability of mitigation efforts among all developed country Parties in a measurable, reportable and verifiable manner;

*Recalling* decision 1/CP.16, which acknowledges that the largest share of historical global emissions of greenhouse gases originated in developed countries and that, owing to this historical responsibility, developed country Parties must take the lead in combating climate change and the adverse effects thereof;

*Further recalling* decision 2/CP.17 which acknowledges the value of *ex ante* information, and the need to elaborate rigorous, robust and transparent approaches in a systematic manner to measure progress towards the achievement of economy-wide emission reduction targets, building on existing processes, practices and experiences;

*Reaffirming* that scaled-up overall mitigation efforts that allow for the achievement of desired stabilization levels are necessary, with Annex I Parties showing leadership by undertaking ambitious emission reductions and providing technology, capacity-building and financial resources to developing country Parties, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention;

*Urging* Annex I Parties to increase the ambition of their economy-wide emission reduction targets, with a view to reducing their aggregate anthropogenic emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol to a level consistent with their historical responsibility and the ranges documented in the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and subsequent assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

- *Decides* that Annex I Parties as a group shall reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 40-50 per cent compared with the 1990 level by 2020, and allocated among themselves according to their equitable and appropriate contributions to the global effort to meet the objective of the Convention;
- *Further decides*, that the national quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of all Annex I Parties shall be expressed in quantified emission limitation and reduction obligations from the base year of 1990 to be achieved by 2020, and further specified in terms of assigned amounts in tons carbon dioxide equivalent over a period of time;
- *Decides* to establish a process on Annex I Parties' quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments (QELRCs), building on the workshops held during 2011 and 2012, and the technical paper mandated by decision 1/CP. 16 and 2/CP .17 prepared by the Secretariat; in order to increase in the level of ambition of developed country parties to a level commensurate with science and equity;
- *Acknowledges* the need for a common accounting framework for all Annex I Parties for establishing *ex ante* the basis for measuring progress towards meeting their quantified emission limitation and reduction obligations, consolidating and enhancing methodologies, agreed by the COP, on calculations of emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2(b), taking into account the best available scientific knowledge, including of the effective capacity of sinks and the respective contributions of such gases to climate change, that policies and measures modify the longer-term trend as specified in paragraph 4.2(a) of the Convention.

- *Decides* that common rules, methodologies and tools for Annex I Parties need to be defined, building on the Kyoto Protocol accounting system, for measuring progress towards meeting their economy-wide emission reduction targets, inter alia, on the following elements: metrics and coverage, rules for allowable additions and subtractions of other accountable elements and instruments and tools;
- *Decides* to launch a joint work programme under the SBI and SBSTA to establish common accounting rules for Annex I Parties as the basis for measuring progress towards meeting their quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets and for addressing the different elements that must be included in that basis, while respecting the different national circumstances and capabilities and ensuring comparability of the efforts of all Annex I Parties, including for reporting purposes. The SBI and SBSTA shall report the outcome of the joint work programme at the nineteenth session of the Conference of Parties, to enable the COP to reach a decision on this matter no later than 2013.
- *Agrees* that the measurable, reportable and verifiable nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions, including quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives, by all developed country Parties, shall reduce their GHG emission in absolute terms while ensuring the comparability of efforts among them, be defined over a period of time and be included in a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties.

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