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Summary

This document addresses four main topics:

(a) The eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP): information on the sessions is presented, including an organizational scenario, and possible elements of the provisional agendas;

(b) Future sessional periods: information is provided on preparations for the nineteenth session of the COP and the ninth session of the CMP. Guidance by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation is also invited regarding the dates for the sessional periods in 2017;

(c) Organization of the intergovernmental process: information is presented on the organization of the intergovernmental process, particularly related to the calendar of meetings in the UNFCCC process.

(d) Information on ways to enhance the engagement of observer organizations, including options for new channels for observer organizations to provide formal inputs into the high-level segment of the sessions of the COP and the CMP, is also presented.

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I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Convention provides that the functions of the secretariat shall be, inter alia, to make arrangements for sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies and to provide them with services as required. In order to make the necessary arrangements for intergovernmental meetings, the secretariat periodically seeks guidance from Parties.

B. Possible action by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

2. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) is invited to do the following:

(a) To provide advice or recommendations to the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) on the organization of their work during the 2012 United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Doha, Qatar, as well as on the organization of the work of the subsidiary bodies and the ad hoc working groups, and that of the high-level segment;

(b) To provide advice to the secretariat on possible elements of the provisional agendas for the eighteenth session of the COP and the eighth session of the CMP;

(c) To recommend dates for the sessional periods for 2017 for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session;

(d) To exchange views and provide guidance on the organization of the intergovernmental process;

(e) To continue discussions on ways to enhance the engagement of observer organizations, including options regarding new channels for observer organizations to provide formal inputs into the high-level segment of the sessions of the COP and the CMP.

II. 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

A. Introduction

3. The COP, by decision 19/CP.17, decided that the United Nations Climate Change Conference will be held in Doha, Qatar, from 26 November to 7 December 2012. The Doha Conference will include the sessions of the COP, the CMP, the SBI, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) during the two-week sessional period.

4. The Doha Conference will also include a joint high-level segment of the COP and the CMP during the two-week sessional period.

5. The Doha Conference is expected to attract a high level of public interest as Parties are expected to take forward the key outcomes of the 2011 United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Durban, South Africa, including the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action and the completion of remaining work under the Bali Road Map, covering both long-term cooperative action under the Convention and the adoption of an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol.

B. Preparations for the sessions

6. The COP, at its seventeenth session, accepted, with appreciation, the offer by the Government of Qatar to host COP 18 and CMP 8 from 26 November to 7 December 2012.¹ In accordance with this decision, the Executive Secretary is continuing consultations with the Government of Qatar to conclude and sign a Host Country Agreement no later than the thirty-sixth sessions of the SBI and the SBSTA. Preparations for the sessions are under way and further information will be provided during SBI 36.

C. Organization of the sessions

7. Arrangements for the opening of the Doha Conference on Monday, 26 November, are expected to follow recent practice. In the opening meeting of the COP, the President of COP 17 and CMP 7 would open COP 18 and proceed to the agenda item on the election of the President of COP 18 and CMP 8. The COP would then take up some of the organizational and procedural agenda items, including the adoption of the agenda for the session. The COP would refer items of its agenda to subsidiary bodies as appropriate. Statements are not envisaged, except those made on behalf of groups. The opening meeting of the COP would then be adjourned.

8. The eighth session of the CMP would then be opened and the CMP would take up consideration of organizational and procedural items on its agenda, including the adoption of the agenda and the organization of work. The CMP would refer items of its agenda to the subsidiary bodies as appropriate. Again, statements are not envisaged, except those made on behalf of groups. The opening meeting of the CMP would then be adjourned.

9. The COP and the CMP would convene in plenary meetings later in the week, to take up the items on their agendas which had not been referred to the subsidiary bodies.

10. The SBI and the SBSTA are expected to finalize numerous issues, including those relating to ongoing work and mandates arising from the seventeenth session of the COP and the seventh session of the CMP and to forward the results to the COP and the CMP for adoption at their eighteenth and eighth sessions, respectively, in accordance with decisions made at earlier COP and CMP sessions.

11. The AWG-KP will report to CMP 8 and the AWG-LCA will report to COP 18. At its seventeenth session, the COP decided to extend the AWG-LCA for one year in order for it to continue its work and to reach the agreed outcome pursuant to decision 1/CP.13 through decisions adopted by the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the COP and envisaged to be adopted by the eighteenth session of the COP, at which time the AWG-LCA shall be terminated.² Similarly, under decision 1/CMP.7, the CMP requested the AWG-KP to aim to deliver the results of its work pursuant to decision 1/CMP.1 in time to complete its work by the eighth session of the CMP. Furthermore, when establishing the

¹ Decision 19/CP.17.

² Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 1.

ADP, by decision 1/CP.17, the COP decided that the ADP shall report to future sessions of the COP on the progress of its work.³

12. The organization of the two-week Doha Conference will be determined by the status of the work under the subsidiary bodies and ad hoc working groups leading up to the conference. The guiding principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness will continue to influence the organization of work. To this end, efforts have been made at recent conferences through the increased use of informal plenary meetings, timely meeting announcements and broadcasting of meetings on closed-circuit television and on the UNFCCC website.

D. High-level segment

13. The SBI has traditionally made recommendations on the dates and duration of the high-level segment for ministers and other heads of delegation, and on any particular arrangements. The high-level segment of COP 18 and CMP 8 would be organized in line with the positive experiences of sessions of the COP and the CMP where statements did not run beyond the scheduled time frame. The inauguration of the high-level segment would take place in the afternoon of Tuesday, 4 December, and would include the participation of high-level representatives of the host country. Statements would also be made by high-level dignitaries and on behalf of groups, as appropriate. The incoming Presidency will put in place arrangements for the high-level segment in consultation with the secretariat and Parties.

14. The COP and the CMP would convene in joint meetings on 5 and 6 December to hear national statements by ministers and other heads of delegation. There would be one speakers' list and each Party, including Parties to both the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, would speak only once. No decisions would be taken in these joint meetings.

15. Given the number of Parties, the recommended time limit, as used at previous sessions, is three minutes.

16. A further joint COP and CMP meeting would be convened to hear statements from observer organizations. Separate meetings of the COP and the CMP would be held to adopt decisions and conclusions emerging from the sessions.

E. Possible elements of the provisional agendas

17. Rule 9 of the draft rules of procedure being applied provides that: "In agreement with the President, the secretariat shall draft the provisional agenda of each session".⁴ Possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 18 and CMP 8 have been prepared by the secretariat, following consultations with the President and the Bureau, and are contained in annexes I and II to this document. The possible elements closely follow recent agendas, with the addition of limited adjustments to reflect the outcomes of the Durban Conference. In addition, they address organizational and procedural matters, as well as the high-level segment for ministers and other heads of delegation.

18. Parties will be invited to present their views on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 18 and CMP 8. Taking into account these views, the secretariat will finalize the provisional agendas, in agreement with the President, and make them available in the official United Nations languages at least six weeks before the

³ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 3.

⁴ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

opening of the sessions, in accordance with rule 11 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

III. Future sessional periods

A. Scheduling of the sessions of the ad hoc working groups in the second half of 2012

19. At the meeting of the Bureau on 25 February 2012, the Chairs of the SBSTA, the SBI, the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA noted the need to build on the progress achieved in Durban and to maintain momentum towards Doha. In the light of the shared views of the Chairs on the scale of work for the year, the Bureau requested the secretariat to make provisional arrangements for additional meeting time for the ad hoc working groups, which would run for not more than one week and be scheduled, if possible, in the first week of September 2012. The nature and organization of work during the period will be decided by the working groups themselves. The Bureau also requested that arrangements for these sessions include pre-sessional meetings for group consultations, where appropriate.

20. Parties are reminded that additional sessions can only be held if sufficient funding is provided in a timely manner. Since the Bureau meeting, the secretariat has checked dates and venue availability and has undertaken to announce the provisional arrangements by the usual means.

21. The SBI may wish to consider any further guidance from Parties.

B. Future sessional periods of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

22. Decision 19/CP.17 noted that in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, and in the light of recent consultations among the groups, the President of COP 19 and CMP 9 would come from the Eastern European States. The COP also requested the SBI to consider the issue of the host, in preparation for a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption at its eighteenth session. The same decision also notes that the President of COP 20 and CMP 10 would come from the Latin America and the Caribbean States. No offers to host these conferences have been received.

23. The SBI is invited to discuss the issue of the hosting of COP 19 and CMP 9. In this context, the SBI may wish to encourage the Eastern European States to present an offer for consideration by the SBI and the COP at its eighteenth session.

24. The SBI may also wish to invite Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 20 and CMP 10.

C. Calendar of meetings of the Convention bodies

25. The COP, by decision 19/CP.17, adopted the dates recommended by the SBI⁵ for the sessional periods for 2014, 2015 and 2016 for inclusion in the calendar of meetings of the Convention bodies. In keeping with this decision, as of 2014, the sessions would begin on Wednesday and conclude the following Sunday.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 165.

26. At its thirty-sixth session, the SBI will be invited to recommend dates for the sessional periods in 2017, as follows:

- (a) First sessional period: Wednesday, 10 May to Sunday, 21 May;
- (b) Second sessional period: Wednesday, 29 November to Sunday, 10 December.

27. The SBI may wish to consider the proposed dates for these sessional periods and recommend them for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

D. Organization of the intergovernmental process

28. The May/June session of the SBI has traditionally provided Parties with an opportunity to consider how their intergovernmental process is functioning and to exchange views on relevant matters, including providing guidance to presiding officers and the secretariat. The guiding principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness will continue to influence the organization of work and the work of presiding officers. Given the recent launch of a new ad hoc working group and several constituted bodies, the time is opportune to reflect on possible improvements to the intergovernmental process.

29. Parties may wish to recall that, following guidance from the SBI,⁶ past COP/CMP Presidents and the Bureau, with the support and cooperation of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, efforts have been made to reduce the number of contact groups and informal consultations, to defer some agenda items to future sessions, to improve the information flow regarding scheduling during meetings, to complete formal meetings by 6 p.m., and to enhance funding for additional participation from developing country Parties. Responding to feedback from delegates and in line with the draft rules of procedure being applied, the secretariat is implementing an approach whereby meetings, with the exception of the COP and the CMP sessions, and regional workshops, should be held in Bonn to the extent that facilities are available.

30. The SBI may also wish to consider issues relating to methods of negotiation, transparency, inclusiveness and efficiency in negotiations. At the Bureau meeting on 25 February 2012, it was noted that the responsibilities placed on host countries for both the organizational matters and the substantive outcomes have grown considerably in recent years. Parties may therefore wish to reflect upon ways to structure the process to lessen the burden on host countries, and improve predictability and consistency.

31. The SBI may wish to take stock of certain elements of the intergovernmental process, consider options for improvements and provide relevant guidance. In particular, the calendar of meetings is becoming increasingly complex and Parties may wish to begin a process of reflection on any changes that may be appropriate. For example, Parties, in earlier related discussions, have raised questions as to whether annual sessions of the COP are still needed, whether more permanent or extended meeting arrangements would be appropriate, and whether greater use of informal work methods and inclusive intersessional activity could expedite progress in the negotiations. The implications for meeting time of the requests to the SBI relating to international assessment and review⁷ and international consultation and analysis⁸ will also need to be considered in due course.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 167; FCCC/SBI/2010/10, paragraphs 164 and 165.

⁷ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 24, and decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 44.

⁸ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 56, and decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 63.

IV. Observer organizations in the intergovernmental process

A. Update on participation by observer organizations

32. Since the last report,⁹ participation by intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the UNFCCC process has continued to grow, with 140 newly admitted organizations attending COP 17/CMP 7. The total number of organizations with observer status currently amounts to 1,635, a 57 per cent increase from the 2008 level. In 2011, the secretariat granted formal status to two additional constituencies: women and gender, and youth. With the constituency of farmers still in a provisional status, the nine UNFCCC constituencies correspond to the nine major groups recognized by Agenda 21.¹⁰

33. With the successful introduction of the online registration system to facilitate the participation at UNFCCC sessions, the registration of observers is regulated in accordance with the total capacity of the premises and the safety and security of all participants. It is noteworthy that the requests for registration for attendance remained high, at approximately 12,000 for both COP 16/CMP 6 and COP 17/CMP 7, while the actual number of registrations was set at approximately 7,000.

34. In keeping with the SBI conclusions calling for the enhancement of technical means of participation,¹¹ a number of pilot innovations have been implemented to improve side events and exhibits. At COP 17/CMP 7, the secretariat promoted virtual exhibits, which offer participating exhibitors an online platform to display information, webcast their events and launch surveys. Another innovation was virtual participation in side events, which features a web-based facility that allows guest speakers to participate in side events without having to attend the event. If implemented at full scale, these tools will allow for the increased engagement of civil society while reducing the carbon footprint of the conference. Other innovations at COP 17/CMP 7 address the high demand for a limited number of side event and exhibit slots, such as the Climate Change Studio and collaboration between side event applicants. Joint side events have now become standard practice and the online application system has also been upgraded to better facilitate mergers. The secretariat will continue to develop technical means to improve participation subject to the availability of funds.

35. Media actions and demonstrations provide observers with another avenue in which to express their views. Although not permitted in other United Nations premises, certain activities are facilitated during UNFCCC sessions in close cooperation with United Nations Security, with a view to achieving a higher level of engagement of advocacy NGOs. At COP 16/CMP 16 and COP 17/CMP 7, an average of about 55 media events and actions took place.

36. Observer organizations show continued interest in intersessional workshop participation having made, separately and jointly, 170 substantive submissions in 2011.

37. To promote greater transparency, the SBI, at its thirty-fourth session, recommended that, in the event that there is no contact group for an agenda item, at least the first and last meetings of informal consultations may be opened to observer organizations, recognizing

⁹ FCCC/SBI/2011/6.

¹⁰ Agenda 21 is the action plan of the United Nations related to sustainable development and was an outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.

¹¹ FCCC/SBI/2010/27, paragraph 150.

the right of Parties to keep informal meetings closed.¹² Implementation of this practice since the Panama Climate Change Conference in 2011 has been widely welcomed by observers.

38. Observer organizations continue to make use of other means of participation during sessions, such as interventions in formal meetings and meetings with the COP/CMP President, the Chairs of the Convention bodies and the Executive Secretary in order to directly feed their inputs into the process.

B. Formal inputs into the high-level segment

39. The SBI, at its thirty-fourth session, adopted conclusions to further enhance the participation of observer organizations in the process,¹³ based on a range of proposals contained in the report of an in-session workshop.¹⁴ At the same session, the SBI agreed to examine, at its thirty-sixth session, options for new channels for observer organizations to provide formal inputs into the high-level segment of the sessions of the COP and the CMP.¹⁵

40. A special event was held in Durban to help develop options for further consideration. The event was attended by approximately 100 participants and included presentations from a Party and several observer constituencies. It also included a ‘poetry slam’, a term used to indicate an open forum for discussion. An informal summary of the special event is available on the UNFCCC website.¹⁶

41. During the special event, participants highlighted the guiding principles for any new channels to enhance observer inputs, including: keeping inclusivity and openness as an overarching goal; recognizing that constituencies need different approaches to maximize their inputs; coordinating any new formal inputs with existing means for informal inputs; and allowing sufficient space for observer inputs to reach a level of sophistication appropriate for ministers, rather than limiting their inputs to brief plenary statements.

42. In their presentations and during the ‘poetry slam’, participants discussed the possibility of improving high-level segment inputs through annual ministerial round tables on specific issues. Speakers noted that in their view such events would allow observers to have more direct access to ministers and build relationships. The process of presenting ideas, responding to questions and discussing implementation also helps to build consensus around ideas, provides a sense of progress, and allows for more meaningful interactions with ministers on the role of research and science and the implications of the policy choices. In addition, a round table or forum could lead to a joint declaration or an agreed statement.

43. Similar approaches from other intergovernmental processes were highlighted, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council. It was noted that these processes involved open dialogue sessions where observers made presentations and then engaged actively with ministers. The sessions were organized around different thematic areas chosen by civil society and were considered successful by most participants. It was also noted that the upcoming United Nations Conference on

¹² FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 167.

¹³ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraphs 166–179.

¹⁴ FCCC/SBI/2011/INF.7.

¹⁵ FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 179.

¹⁶ <http://regserver.unfccc.int/seors/reports/archive.html?session_id=COP17/CMP7>.

Sustainable Development (Rio+20 Conference)¹⁷ would also hold round table discussions with observers, which could provide additional examples of good practice.

44. The ‘poetry slam’ provided a number of proposals, including publishing a joint constituency report that would capture ideas from all groups and indicate to ministers the level of support on a range of issues and statements; and developing a common statement agreed by all observer constituencies for presentation during the high-level segment, which could provide a positive signal to ministers. In addition, it was noted that any new formal interactions should be adequately reflected in the official reports of the COP and CMP sessions. Other suggestions included increased observer participation in ministerial luncheons and dinners, as well as workshops and special events. Interspersing observer statements throughout the high-level segment, rather than grouping them at the end, was also proposed. It should be noted that, at the Bureau meeting on 25 February 2012, some members also expressed support for this proposal, noting that the effect on the overall timing of speakers would need to be considered.

45. Participants also highlighted proposals that would enhance inputs into the high-level segment, as well as the overall UNFCCC process. For example, an observer forum could create a platform for observers to report and comment on specific outcomes, and for observer inputs into the high-level segment. In addition, a new pilot mechanism for observer participation could help provide substantive observer inputs on the key issues of finance and technology.

46. The SBI will be invited to examine options for new channels for observer organizations to provide formal inputs into the high-level segment of the sessions of the COP and the CMP and provide guidance as appropriate.

¹⁷ The conference, to be held from 20 to 22 June 2012, will mark the twentieth anniversary of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the tenth anniversary of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Annex I

Possible elements of the provisional agenda for the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

Opening of the session.

Organizational matters:

- (a) Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session;
- (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
- (c) Adoption of the agenda;
- (d) Election of officers other than the President;
- (e) Admission of organizations as observers;
- (f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
- (g) Dates and venues of future sessions;
- (h) Adoption of the report on credentials.

Reports of the subsidiary bodies:

- (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;¹
- (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.²

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention.³

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action.⁴

Consideration of proposals by Parties under Article 17 of the Convention.

Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15:

- (a) Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention;

¹ Annotations to the provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) under this item will indicate recommendations for draft decisions and conclusions arising from the work of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice in 2012 for consideration at COP 18.

² Annotations to the provisional agenda of COP 18 under this item will indicate recommendations for draft decisions and conclusions arising from the work of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation in 2012 for consideration at COP 18.

³ Annotations to the provisional agenda of COP 18 under this item will indicate recommendations for draft decisions and conclusions arising from the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention in 2012 for consideration at COP 18.

⁴ Annotations to the provisional agenda of COP 18 under this item will reflect the status of work under the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) as appropriate. At its seventeenth session, the COP decided that the ADP shall report to future sessions of the COP on the progress of its work (decision 1/CP.17, para. 3).

(b) Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention.

Report of the Adaptation Committee.

Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism:

- (a) Report of the Technology Executive Committee;
- (b) Matters relating to the Climate Technology Centre and Network: selection of the host and constitution of the advisory board.

Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention.⁵

Matters relating to finance:

- (a) Work programme on long-term finance;
- (b) Report of the Standing Committee;
- (c) Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund;
- (d) Arrangements between the Conference of Parties and the Green Climate Fund;
- (e) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility;
- (f) Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund.

National communications:

- (a) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
- (b) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.

Capacity-building under the Convention;

Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention;

- (a) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10);
- (b) Matters relating to the least developed countries.

⁵ Parties may recall that at COP 4, it “proved impossible to reach any agreed conclusions or decisions” on this matter (FCCC/CP/1998/16, para. 64). The item was therefore included in the provisional agenda for the fifth session of the COP in accordance with rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied. The COP, at its fifth session, could not reach a conclusion on this matter (FCCC/CP/1999/6, para. 18) and following rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the item was included in the provisional agenda for the sixth up to, and including, the twelfth sessions of the COP with a footnote reflecting a proposal made by the Group of 77 and China to amend the item to read “Review of the adequacy of implementation of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention”. On a proposal by the President, and on the basis of the recommendation made by the SBI, it was decided at COP 14 to defer consideration of this item to COP 16 (FCCC/CP/2008/7, para. 10). The COP, at its sixteenth session, based on a proposal by the President, deferred its consideration of this item, pursuant to rule 13 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, to COP 17. This item was held in abeyance at COP 17 and in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, it will be considered at COP 18.

Article 6 of the Convention.

Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies.

Administrative, financial and institutional matters:

- (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2010–2011;
- (b) Budget performance for the biennium 2012–2013.

High-level segment.

Statements by observer organizations.

Other matters.

Conclusion of the session:

- (a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session;
- (b) Closure of the session.

Annex II

Possible elements of the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

Opening of the session.

Organizational matters:

- (a) Adoption of the agenda;
- (b) Election of replacement officers;
- (c) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
- (d) Approval of the report on credentials.

Reports of the subsidiary bodies:

- (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;¹
- (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.²

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.³

Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Kyoto Protocol.

Proposal from Kazakhstan to amend Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol.

Issues relating to the clean development mechanism.

Issues relating to joint implementation:

- (a) Guidance on joint implementation;
- (b) Review of the joint implementation guidelines.

Matters relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol:

- (a) Report of the Compliance Committee;
- (b) Amendment of the Kyoto Protocol in respect of procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance.

Adaptation Fund:

- (a) Report of the Adaptation Fund Board;
- (b) Initial review of the Adaptation Fund.

¹ Annotations to the provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) under this item will indicate recommendations for draft decisions and conclusions arising from the work of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice in 2012 for consideration at CMP 8.

² Annotations to the provisional agenda of CMP 8 under this item will indicate recommendations for draft decisions and conclusions arising from the work of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation in 2012 for consideration at CMP 8.

³ Annotations to the provisional agenda of CMP 8 under this item will indicate recommendations for draft decisions and conclusions arising from the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol in 2012 for consideration at CMP 8.

Issues relating to the international transaction log.

National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

Annual compilation and accounting report for Annex B Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

Capacity-building under the Kyoto Protocol.

Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol.

Matters relating to Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol.

Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol by the subsidiary bodies.

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High-level segment.

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Conclusion of the session:

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