

**Nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions by developed country Parties**  
**AWG-LCA agenda item 3 (b) (i)**

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<p>Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change, including, inter alia, consideration of (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;</p>	<p>The COP, by decision 1/CP.16,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Took note of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets to be implemented by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention as communicated by them and contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1. (para. 36)</li> <li>• Urged developed country 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 the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. (para. 37)</li> <li>• Requested the secretariat to organize workshops to clarify the assumptions and the conditions related to the attainment of these targets, including the use of carbon credits from the market-based mechanisms and land use, land-use change and forestry activities, and options and ways to increase their level of ambition (para. 38)</li> </ul>	<p>The COP, by decision 2/CP.17,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decided to continue in 2012 the process of clarifying the developed country Parties' quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1 (para. 5)</li> <li>• Acknowledged 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 (para. 9)</li> <li>• Requested the secretariat to update document FCCC/TP/2011/1, by compiling all the information contained in Parties' submissions in a structured manner, and to further update that paper as new information is provided by Parties; it also requested the secretariat to produce a technical paper exploring the commonalities and differences of approaches (paras. 8 and 10)</li> </ul>	<p>Under the LCA, the third workshop on quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties was organized to address, among others, the following issues: clarification of the nature and level of the targets by developed country Parties and associated assumptions and conditions; commonalities and differences of approaches in measuring the progress towards the targets; comparability of emission reduction efforts by developed country Parties, and options and ways to increase the level of ambition of the pledges.</p> <p>The secretariat presented the update of the document (FCCC/TP/2012/2) on Quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties to the Convention: assumptions, conditions, commonalities and differences in approaches and comparison of the level of emission reduction efforts</p>	<p>The fourth workshop will be organized during the informal additional sessions of the AWG-LCA, AWG-KP and ADP in Bangkok, Thailand from 30 August to 5 September 2012. The workshop will be organized following the mandate in paragraph 5 of decision 2/CP.17 and the suggestions on the way forward identified in the oral report to the contact group during the first part of the 15 session of the AWG-LCA held in May 2012 in Bonn</p> <p>For the informal additional session of the AWG-LCA in Bangkok, the secretariat also updated the technical paper, to incorporate additional information provided by Parties (document FCCC/TP/2012/5)</p>

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	The COP, by decision 1/CP.16, Decided on a work programme for the development of modalities and guidelines relating to measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of mitigation action by developed countries, which includes (para 46)			
(a)	The revision of guidelines, as necessary, on the reporting of national communications, including the biennial report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The provision of financing, through enhanced common reporting formats, methodologies for finance and tracking of climate-related support;</li> <li>ii. Supplementary information on achievement of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets;</li> <li>iii. Information on national inventory arrangements;</li> </ol>	The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted the UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties (para. 12)</li> <li>• Decided to establish a work programme under the SBSTA on the development of a common tabular format for the electronic reporting, with a view to adopting the format by COP18 (para. 16)</li> <li>• Requested the SBSTA to develop, taking into account existing international methodologies, and based on experiences gained in preparing the first biennial reports, methodologies for reporting financial information with a view to recommending a decision on this matter to COP 20 (para 19)</li> <li>• Requested the SBI to begin, at its fortieth session, the revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications based on experiences gained in preparing the first biennial reports and other information with a view to adopting the revised guidelines by COP20 (para. 18)</li> </ul>	The SBSTA initiated its consideration of the work programme on a common tabular format for electronic reporting of information (hereinafter referred to as the common tabular format) in accordance with the “UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties” as contained in annex I to decision 2/CP.17 (hereinafter referred to as the reporting guidelines) with a view to the Conference of the Parties, at its eighteenth session, adopting the format. (FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.11)	First BRs to be submitted by 1 January 2014 (Para 13, decision 2/CP.17)
(b)	The revision of guidelines for the review of national communications, including the biennial report, annual greenhouse gas inventories and national inventory systems;	The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decided to establish a work programme under the SBSTA with a view to concluding the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews to be concluded no later than the COP19 (para. 28)</li> </ul>	The SBSTA initiated its consideration of the work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties (hereinafter referred to as the review guidelines), with a view to completing this work by the nineteenth session of the	

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	(c) The establishment of guidelines for national inventory arrangements;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for national inventory arrangements have been agreed as contained in section II.F of the “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual greenhouse gas inventories” (UNFCCC Annex I inventory reporting guidelines) that were adopted by decision 15/CP.17</li> </ul>		
	(d) Modalities and procedures for international assessment and review of emissions and removals related to quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets in accordance with paragraph 44 above, including the role of land use, land-use change and forestry, and carbon credits from market-based mechanisms, taking into account international experience;	<p>The COP, by decision 2/CP.17,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted the modalities and procedures for the international assessment and review (IAR) (para.13)</li> <li>• Decided to revise the modalities and procedures for IAR on the basis of experience gained, no later than 2016 (para. 26)</li> </ul>		The first round of IAR will commence in 2014, and subsequently IAR for biannual reports will be conducted every two years (Paras. 25 and 27, decision 2/CP.17.)