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**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FURTHER COMMITMENTS
FOR ANNEX I PARTIES UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

Fifth session

Bangkok, 31 March to 4 April 2008, and Bonn, 2–12 June 2008

Round table

Means to reach emission reduction targets

2 June 2008

Round table on the means to reach emission reduction targets

Information note by the secretariat

I. Mandate and background

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG), at its resumed fourth session, requested the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the Chair of the AWG, a round table on the means that may be available to Annex I Parties to reach their emission reduction targets.
2. The AWG held an in-session thematic workshop on 1–3 April 2008 in Bangkok on this matter. Parties discussed ways to enhance the effectiveness of the means and their contribution to sustainable development. A summary of the discussions is contained in the annex to the report of the fifth session of the AWG (FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/2). Relevant submissions by Parties are contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/MISC.1 and Add.1–3, and document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/MISC.2 and Add.1.

II. Purpose of the round table and approach

3. Building on the outcomes of the workshop referred to in paragraph 2 above, the round table will aim to gather concrete ideas from Parties regarding possible changes to the rules for each of the means, required either for legal reasons or to enhance their effectiveness and contribution to sustainable development.
4. In accordance with the conclusions adopted by the AWG at the first part of its fifth session, discussions will consider, in particular:
 - (a) Possible improvements to emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol on their scope, effectiveness, efficiency, accessibility, contribution to sustainable development, capacity to generate co-benefits and the transfer of technology;
 - (b) How to address, where applicable, the definitions, modalities, rules and guidelines for the treatment of land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) in the second commitment period;

- (c) How approaches targeting sectoral emissions could be used by Annex I Parties as a means to reach their emission reduction targets;
- (d) Possible broadening of the coverage of GHGs, sectors and source categories and its implications, based on sound science;
- (e) How approaches to limit or reduce emissions of GHGs not controlled by the Montreal Protocol from aviation and marine bunker fuels could be used by Annex I Parties as a means to reach their emission reduction targets, taking into account Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol.

III. Date and venue

5. The second part of the fifth session of the AWG will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 2–12 June 2008. The round table will be held after the opening meeting of this session, on June 2.

IV. Organization of work

6. The round table will address all the means to reach emission reduction targets identified within the work programme of the AWG. Three panels will be organized to address each of the means as presented in the annex.

7. Government experts will be invited to share concrete ideas on how to enhance the effectiveness of the means and their contribution to sustainable development. After brief introductory statements by these experts, Parties will be provided with an opportunity to present additional concrete ideas in an open discussion.

8. The round table will be chaired by Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway), Chair of the AWG.

9. A preliminary structure for the round table is presented in the annex. A detailed schedule, including a list of speakers, will be issued in due course.

V. Expected outcome

10. A summary report by the Chair which lists concrete ideas for each of the means as well as options put forward by Parties for applying them.

Annex

Preliminary schedule for the round table on the means to reach emission reduction targets

Monday, 2 June

10.30–10.40

Opening

- Objectives and expected outcomes

10.40–13.00

1st Panel. Emissions trading and the project based mechanisms

- Introductory statements (*up to six government experts*)
- Discussion:
 - Perspectives of the carbon market and emissions trading
 - Joint implementation and the clean development mechanism

15.00–16.30

2nd Panel. Land use, land-use change and forestry

- Introductory statements (*up to six government experts*)
- Discussion

16.30–18.00

3rd Panel. Possible approaches targeting sectoral emissions and Greenhouse gases, sectors and source categories

- Introductory statements (*up to six government experts*)
- Discussion

18.00

Closing
