

Informal Plenary of the COP/CMP
30 November 2012

Speaking Notes for the Chair of the AWG-KP

- Thank you, Excellency. Good evening colleagues.
- The AWG-KP got off to a very smooth start last Tuesday and I am pleased to report that work has been going forward and Parties are making progress. I have been particularly encouraged by the keen interest of Parties to hold informal consultations among themselves to try to narrow down the options currently on the table.
- The spin-off group on numbers/text has so far received presentations from those Parties who have recently submitted their QELROs, and it continues discussions towards narrowing down the options on carry-over and on eligibility.
- Parties have also had constructive discussions in the informal consultations facilitated by the Vice-Chair and although the text is still much in brackets, progress is being made. The main outstanding issue here is how to address the legal issues relating to the period from 1 January 2013 to the date of entry into force of the amendments.
- To further facilitate work, I am making preparations to issue a revised text sometime on Saturday evening which takes into account the progress made so far.
- I will continue to work with Parties in resolving as much as we can in the AWG-KP and I will update you early next week regarding any possible need for your engagement.

- I am cautiously optimistic that we should be able to arrive at a good text by next Wednesday, with only a few policy options left for Ministers to decide.
- I remain at your disposal, together with the Vice-Chair and Co-facilitators, to assist you in ensuring that we adopt the amendments to the Protocol here in Doha.
- Thank you your Excellency.