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INFORMATION NOTE

Additional sessions of the ad hoc working groups

I refer to the Information Note dated 7 March 2012 to Parties, observer States and observer organizations to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol informing them that the Bureau of COP 17 and CMP 7 requested the secretariat to make provisional arrangements for an additional sessional period in 2012 for:

- The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol;
- The Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention;
- The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action.

During the recently concluded sessions of the subsidiary bodies held in Bonn from 14 to 25 May 2012, I informed Parties that firm pledges in the amount of EUR 4.4 million were required by early this week if the provisionally booked Bangkok meetings of the ad hoc working groups were to be confirmed (AWGs). I am now in a position to confirm that sufficient pledges have been received to enable the meetings to proceed, albeit in a cost-saving mode.

The above-mentioned sessions will be held from Thursday, 30 August 2012 to Wednesday, 5 September 2012 at the United Nations Conference Centre of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand.

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The secretariat expresses its appreciation to the State of Qatar for pledging over half of the funds required to host the additional sessions in Bangkok. Qatar indicated that they are keen on allowing adequate time to progress issues under negotiation in an open, inclusive, and transparent manner, that allows for full participation of all Parties.

The secretariat also would like to express its appreciation to the European Union, the Kingdom of Norway, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Sweden for their important pledges for this meeting.

In accordance with previous practice, the above-mentioned sessions will be preceded by preparatory meetings of the Group of 77 and China, the African States, the small island developing States and the least developed countries from 24 to 29 August 2012.

Regrettably, taking into consideration the availability of premises, it is not possible to hold side events and exhibits during the above-mentioned sessions of the AWGs.

The formal notification of the meeting will be issued in due course.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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