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INFORMATION TO PARTIES

Submission of nominations of members of the Adaptation Committee and Standing Committee, the officers of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, and nominations outstanding from COP 17 and CMP 7

This is to inform Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol that during the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 17) and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 7), held in Durban, South Africa, from 28 November to 9 December 2011, the COP decided to establish the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action and reached agreement on the composition of the Adaptation and Standing Committees.

The COP, noting that groups and constituencies had insufficient time to consult on the candidates for the Adaptation and Standing Committees, invited Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies to submit nominations of members to these two committees to the Executive Secretary by 31 March 2012. The COP further decided that once received by the Executive Secretary, the nominees will be deemed elected at COP 17 and will start their term of office at the first meeting of the respective committee, which is scheduled to take place before the thirty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies in May 2012.

The COP further decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action shall start its work as a matter of urgency in the first half of 2012. Chairs of regional groups and constituencies are invited to forward nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the group to facilitate the election of these officers at its first session scheduled to be held in May 2012.

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Parties are further informed that at COP 17 and CMP 7 in Durban, groups and constituencies were unable to conclude negotiations on the nominations to the following bodies:

- the Bureau of the COP and CMP;
- the SBI and SBSTA;
- the Compliance Committee;
- the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism;
- the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee; and,
- the Adaptation Fund Board.

The COP and the CMP urged groups and constituencies to continue the consultations and submit the outstanding nominations to the secretariat. The Vice Chair and Rapporteur of the SBSTA, as well as the Vice Chair of the SBI, will be elected at the thirty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies to be held in May 2012. For all other bodies, the COP and CMP decided that once nominations are received by the secretariat, the nominees will be deemed elected at COP 17 and CMP 7 in accordance with established practice.

Information on the nominations for the Adaptation and Standing Committees, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, as well as the nominations outstanding from COP 17 and CMP 7, are contained in the annex.

Parties are encouraged to reach agreement on the nominations as early as possible in order to facilitate the work of these bodies during the first half of 2012. Parties are invited to consult within their respective regional groups or constituencies, and to submit the nominations to their respective Chairs and Coordinators. The contact information for the Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies is available on the website of the secretariat at: <http://unfccc.int/6558>.

Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies are invited to submit the nominations to the secretariat, bearing in mind the following deadlines:

- For the Adaptation and Standing Committees by Saturday, 31 March 2012;
- For the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action as early as possible, but not later than Saturday, 31 March 2012;
- For the nominations outstanding from Durban by Monday, 13 February 2012.

Once received, the names of all nominees will be posted on the website of the UNFCCC secretariat.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the secretariat at secretariat@unfccc.int.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

Nominations for the Adaptation Committee, Standing Committee and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, and outstanding nominations from COP 17 and CMP 7

A. The Adaptation Committee

1. The mandate of the Adaptation Committee is to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention.¹ The Adaptation Committee comprises 16 members as follows:

- 2 members from African States;
- 2 members from Asia-Pacific States;
- 2 members from Eastern-European States;
- 2 members from Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC);
- 2 members from Western European and Others States (WEOG);
- 1 member from the Small Island Developing States (SIDS);
- 1 member from the Least Developed Countries (LDCs);
- 2 members from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties);
- 2 members from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (Non-Annex I Parties).

2. The COP further decided that the members shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office, and that:

- Half of the members shall be elected initially for a term of three years and half of the members shall be elected for a term of two years;
- Thereafter, the COP shall elect members for a term of two years;
- The members shall remain in office until their successors have been elected.

3. In submitting nominations, groups and constituencies are:

- Urged to consider the special needs and concerns of particularly vulnerable developing countries;
- Encouraged to nominate experts to the Adaptation Committee with a diversity of experience and knowledge relevant to adaptation to climate change, while also taking into account the need to achieve gender balance in accordance with decision 36/CP.7;
- Invited to indicate whether the nominee should serve a two or three year term of office.

B. The Standing Committee

4. The mandate of the Standing Committee is to assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the financial mechanism of the Convention in terms of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, rationalization of the financial mechanism, mobilization of financial resources, and measurement, reporting and verification of support provided to developing

¹ See chapter III of decision /CP.17 entitled “Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention”.



country Parties.² The Standing Committee comprises 20 members as follows:

- 10 members from Annex I Parties;
- 10 members from Non-Annex I Parties, including:
 - 2 members from African States;
 - 2 members from Asia-Pacific States;
 - 2 members from GRULAC;
 - 1 member from SIDS;
 - 1 member from LDCs.

5. Members shall serve for a term of two years, with the option of seeking additional terms.

6. Groups and constituencies are invited to nominate members who have the necessary experience and skills notably in the area of climate change, development and finance, taking into account the need to achieve gender balance in accordance with decision 36/CP.7.

C. The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

7. The draft rules of procedure of the COP provide that unless the COP decides otherwise, the Chair of any subsidiary body other than those established by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention, shall be elected by that subsidiary body from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. The Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteurs of such subsidiary bodies shall be elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation and shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms of one year.³

8. Groups are invited to submit nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the working for election at its opening session scheduled to be held in May 2012.

D. Nominations outstanding from COP 17 and CMP 7

9. Groups and constituencies are invited to reach agreement on the following outstanding nominations, which were not concluded during COP 17 and CMP 7 in Durban:⁴

1. The Bureau of the COP and CMP
 - (a) Chair of the SBI and 4 Vice-Presidents to represent Asia-Pacific States, Eastern Europe States and GRULAC, as appropriate.
2. The other officers of the SBI and SBSTA:
 - (a) Vice Chair of the SBI;
 - (b) Vice Chair and Rapporteur of the SBSTA.
3. The Compliance Committee:
 - (a) 1 Alternate Member from Non-Annex I Parties for both the Facilitative and Enforcement Branches.

² See chapter IV of decision _/CP.17 entitled “Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention”.

³ See rule 27, paragraph 5, of the draft rules of procedure of the COP.

⁴ Further information on the outstanding nominations is available at: <http://unfccc.int/6558>.



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4. The Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism:
 - (a) 2 Alternate Members from Non-Annex I Parties.

 5. The Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee:
 - (a) 1 Member and Alternate Member from Non-Annex I Parties.

 6. The Adaptation Fund Board:
 - (a) 1 Member and Alternate Member to represent Asia-Pacific States;
 - (b) 1 Alternate Member to represent Non-Annex I Parties;
 - (c) 1 Member and Alternate Member to represent LDCs.
10. The Vice Chair and Rapporteur of the SBSTA, as well as the Vice Chair of the SBI, will be elected at the thirty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies to be held in May 2012, in accordance with rule 27, paragraph 6, of the draft rules of procedure of the COP. The nominees to all other bodies, once received by the secretariat, will be deemed elected at COP 17 and CMP 7.