Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol: consideration of commitments for subsequent periods for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

Draft decision proposed by Jamaica on behalf of the Group of 77 and China

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Guided by the provisions and principles of the Convention, in particular Article 3, paragraph 1, which reads as follows: “The Parties should protect the climate system for the benefit of present and future generations of humankind, on the basis of equity and in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. Accordingly, the developed country Parties should take the lead in combating climate change and the adverse effects thereof”,

Recognizing the fact that the largest share of historical and current global emissions of greenhouse gases has originated in developed countries, that the per capita emissions in developing countries are still relatively low and that the share of global emissions originating in developing countries will grow to meet their social and development needs,

Recalling the Berlin Mandate adopted by decision 1/CP.1 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its first session,

Recalling also Article 3, paragraph 2, of the Protocol that each Party included in Annex I shall, by 2005, have made demonstrable progress in achieving its commitments under the Protocol,

Gravely concerned that the emissions of greenhouse gases from developed countries are still increasing, far beyond their 1990 levels,

Fully convinced of the need for all Parties to cooperate in good faith to fully implement the provisions of the Protocol,

Reaffirming that no new commitment shall be introduced under the Protocol for Parties not included in Annex I, as stated in paragraph 2 (b) of the Berlin Mandate,

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Pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 9 of the Protocol,

1. Decides to initiate a process to consider further commitments for Parties included in Annex I for the periods beyond 2012 through the adoption of amendments to Annex B to the Protocol;

2. Decides further that the process should begin without delay and be conducted in an open-ended ad hoc group of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol hereby established, which will report to the second and third sessions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on the status of this process. The sessions of this group should be scheduled to ensure completion of the work as early as possible in 2008, with a view to adopting the results at the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.