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FOR ANNEX I PARTIES UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

First session

Bonn, 17–25 May 2006

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda

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II. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP), by its decision 1/CMP.1, initiated a process to consider further commitments by Parties included in Annex I (Annex I Parties) for the period beyond 2012, in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol. It established an open-ended ad hoc working group of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to conduct that process and report to each session of the COP/MOP on the status of this process.
2. The COP/MOP at its first session agreed that the group shall aim to complete its work and have its results adopted by the COP/MOP as early as possible and in time to ensure that there is no gap between the first and second commitment periods. Furthermore, the COP/MOP agreed that the group would meet for the first time in conjunction with the twenty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (May 2006) and that subsequent meetings would be scheduled by the group. Parties were invited to submit to the secretariat, by 15 March 2006, their views regarding Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol.
3. In accordance with decision 1/CMP.1 and in consultation with the Bureau of COP/MOP 1, the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG) has been scheduled to be held from 17 to 25 May 2006.

III. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

4. The first session of the AWG will be opened by the President of COP/MOP 1 or a Vice-President designated by the President.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Election of the Chair

5. *Background:* Pursuant to rule 27, paragraph 5, of the draft rules of procedure¹ being applied, a subsidiary body (other than the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)) shall elect its Chair from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session, unless the COP/MOP decides otherwise. Rule 27 provides that 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 more than two consecutive terms of one year. Parties are invited to recall decision 36/CP.7 and to give active consideration to the nomination of women for elective posts in any body established under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol.
6. The President, or a Vice-President designated by the President, will propose a candidate, identified after consultations with Parties and the Bureau, to be elected as Chair.
7. *Action:* The AWG will be invited to elect its Chair.

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¹ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

8. The provisional agenda for the session will be presented for adoption. Parties are invited to make any general statements after the adoption of the agenda.

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(c) Organization of the work of the session

9. *Background:* Parties are invited to refer to the overview of the session posted on the UNFCCC web site and to consult the Daily Programme, published during the session, for a detailed and up-to-date schedule of the work of the AWG.

10. Representatives of Parties and international organizations are requested to keep their oral statements as brief as possible. Those wishing to make a written statement available should bring copies for distribution.

11. *Action:* The AWG will be invited to agree on the organization of work during the session.

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(d) Election of officers other than the Chair

12. *Background:* Pursuant to rule 27, paragraph 6, of the draft rules of procedure being applied, each subsidiary body shall elect its own Vice-Chair and Rapporteur. Parties are invited to recall decision 36/CP.7 and to give active consideration to the nomination of women for elective posts in any body established under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol.

13. *Action:* The AWG will be invited to elect its Vice-Chair and Rapporteur.

3. Planning of future work

Elements for a programme of work

14. *Background:* The COP/MOP, by its decision 1/CMP.1, invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 March 2006, their views regarding Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol.

15. The AWG may wish to consider whether it should plan for an analysis and assessment phase, similar to the one conducted under decision 1/CP.1 (Berlin Mandate). Such a phase could be used to ensure that the work of the AWG is carried out in the light of best available scientific information and to bring into the process relevant technical, social and economic information. The work of the AWG could cover information on policies and measures, which could contribute to reducing emissions and protecting and enhancing sinks of greenhouse gases; it could also identify environmental and economic impacts; and it could review emission trends, making use of information in the reports by Annex I Parties, such as reports demonstrating progress in achieving their commitments under the Protocol as required by Article 3, paragraph 2, of the Protocol.

16. Furthermore, the AWG may wish to discuss its method of work, including:

- (a) Its collaboration with the SBI and the SBSTA;
- (b) The possibility of setting up subgroups or organizing workshops or expert meetings;
- (c) Consideration of other inputs it may wish to receive to facilitate its work, starting at its second session.

17. *Action:* The AWG will be invited to plan its future work taking into consideration the document listed below. Its conclusions on this item may be subject to further deliberations at its second session or be presented to the COP/MOP for consideration and guidance.

<i>FCCC/KP/AWG/2006/MISC.1 Views regarding Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol. Submissions from Parties</i>
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Schedule of subsequent sessions

18. *Background:* In accordance with decision 1/CMP.1, subsequent sessions will be scheduled, as necessary, by the AWG. The second sessional period for Convention and Protocol bodies in 2006 has been scheduled from 6 to 17 November. However, given that the demand for meeting time in that period will be very high, the secretariat is exploring options for the second session of the AWG to be held one week in September 2006. Such an additional sessional period would be subject to availability of supplementary resources. In determining its schedule, the AWG may wish to consider the document listed below.

19. *Action:* The AWG will be invited to decide on the dates for its second and possibly further sessions.

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4. Other matters

20. Any other matters arising during the session will be taken up under this item.

5. Report on the session

21. *Background:* A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the AWG at the end of the session.

22. *Action:* The AWG will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session, under the guidance of the Chair and with the assistance of the secretariat.

Annex

**Documents prepared for the
Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties
under the Kyoto Protocol at its first session**

- FCCC/KP/AWG/2006/1 Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
- FCCC/KP/AWG/2006/MISC.1 Views regarding Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol.
Submissions from Parties
