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Agenda item 4

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) initiated its consideration of methodological issues, including methodologies to be applied for the estimation of greenhouse gas emissions and the global warming potentials, and of the possible impact thereof on the estimates of total emissions by Parties.
2. The AWG-KP held a workshop on 7 June 2008 on relevant methodological issues. The Vice-Chair of the AWG-KP chaired the workshop and provided a summary of the discussions. The AWG-KP took note of the summary of views expressed by Parties at the workshop and of views and information contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/MISC.3.
3. The AWG-KP agreed to continue its work, within its mandate and according to its work programme, at the first part of its sixth session (August, 2008), taking into account the views of Parties compiled by its Chair, as contained in the annex to these conclusions, so that conclusions on these issues may be adopted at the first part of its sixth session.

Annex

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Views of Parties compiled by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on relevant methodological issues

This annex is the compilation of views of the Parties and does not prejudice any actions by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP).

General

1. Ensure consistency and comparability of reporting between the first and subsequent commitment periods of the Kyoto Protocol and between reporting under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol.
2. Use best available scientific knowledge and proven methodologies.

Methodologies for estimation of greenhouse gas emissions

1. Consider the implications of applying the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* (2006 IPCC Guidelines) for, inter alia:
 - The estimation of emissions and removals of new source categories;
 - Time series consistency;
 - Recalculations;
 - Accounting, in particular in relation to the base-year.
2. Based on the above implications, consider the application of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.¹
3. Reflect the results of considering the application of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines in the UNFCCC reporting guidelines for national greenhouse gas (GHGs) inventories.²
4. Consider the need for additional methodological guidance, inter alia, relating to the consideration of the definitions, modalities, rules and guidelines for land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) in the second commitment period.

Global warming potentials

1. Continue to allow flexible mitigation strategies applicable to different GHGs (e.g. so-called “basket approach”) using appropriate common metrics

¹ This may need to reflect the results of the consideration of the definitions, modalities, rules and guidelines for the treatment of land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) in the second commitment period

² The application of the 2006 IPCC guidelines would need to be in accordance with any decisions of the Conference of the Parties and Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol resulting from the consideration of these guidelines by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its thirtieth session.

2. Consider the implications of updating global warming potential (GWP) values with the most recent information from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and of using different time horizons (20, 100 and 500 years) on:

- Total GHG emissions in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalents of Annex I Parties;
- The shares of different GHGs in total national emissions in terms of CO₂ equivalents;
- Mitigation potentials of Annex I Parties;
- The project-based mechanisms.

3. Consider the implications of applying global temperature potentials (GTPs) as a new metric, taking into consideration the availability of robust methodologies that could be used in a timely manner, on:

- Total GHG emissions in terms of CO₂ equivalents of Annex I Parties;
- The shares of different GHGs in total national emissions in terms of CO₂ equivalents;
- Mitigation potentials of Annex I Parties;
- The project-based mechanisms.

4. Based on the above implications, consider the application of appropriate common metrics including GWPs and GTPs.
