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FOR ANNEX I PARTIES UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

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**Item 8 of the agenda**

**Work programme for 2009**

**Views on further activities to be undertaken during 2009, in accordance with  
the work programme of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further  
Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol**

**Submissions from Parties**

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), at its resumed fourth session, invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 3 October 2008, their views on further activities to be undertaken during 2009, in accordance with the work programme of the AWG-KP.<sup>1</sup>
2. The secretariat has received one such submission. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, this submission is attached and reproduced\* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 21 (d) (ii).

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FRANCE ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES

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Paris, 10 October 2008

**Subject: Work programme for 2009 (AWG-KP)  
Views on further activities to be undertaken during 2009, in accordance with the work programme of the AWG-KP**

The EU is committed to the AWG-KP work programme as set out in paragraph 17 of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2006/4 with a view to adopting conclusions on the tasks set out in sub-paragraph 17 (c) in 2009, to ensure there is no gap between the first and subsequent commitment periods of the Kyoto Protocol.

To achieve our common goal of a Copenhagen agreement by 2009, all relevant processes need to coordinate with and draw upon relevant results achieved and work under way in other bodies and processes under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol. In particular in 2009 the work of the AWG-LCA and AWG-KP need to progress in harmony and should aim to maximize synergies. The AWG-KP work programme for 2009 should also take into account the conclusions on its sub-paragraphs 17 (a) and (b) and conclusions on the second review of the Kyoto Protocol under its Article 9.

In 2009 work should continue on the consideration of the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate in a range of 25-40 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020 and begin without delay to consider the allocation of the corresponding mitigation effort, the contribution to the global effort to reach the ultimate objective of the Convention, as well as the duration of the commitment period(s). This work should be informed by conclusions relating to the tasks set out in sub-paragraphs 17 (a) and (b) of the AWG-KP work programme and, in particular, on the ways to enhance the effectiveness of the means that may be available to Annex I Parties to achieve their emission reduction targets. All topics should continue to be discussed in an iterative manner.

The AWG-KP agreed to adopt conclusions on the legal implications arising from its work and forward those to the CMP for consideration at its fifth session. To observe Article 20.2 of the Kyoto Protocol, that the text of any proposed amendment shall be communicated at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption, efforts on the legal implications arising from the work of the AWG-KP need to progress urgently in the first half of 2009.

As there are clear linkages and overlaps with the work of the AWG-KP and that of other bodies under the Convention, and as the calendar in 2009 is busy, efforts should be made to streamline the work undertaken in relevant bodies by creating synergies and by avoiding duplication. For example, the workshop on spill-over effects under the AWG-KP could be held back-to-back with the workshop on economic and social consequences of response measures at the fifth session of the AWG-LCA. Further, discussions on allocation of the necessary mitigation effort of Annex I Parties under the AWG-KP could be co-ordinated with discussions in the AWG-LCA on the comparability of efforts among developed countries.

More generally, there should be sufficient flexibility in planning of work in 2009 of both the AWG-KP and AWG-LCA to allow for synergies in discussions.

To allow sufficient time for negotiations in 2009 there should be no further workshops after the first intersessional meeting in March/April 2009.

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