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**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION  
UNDER THE CONVENTION**

**First session**

**Bangkok, 31 March to 4 April 2008**

**Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda**

**Organizational matters**

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**Provisional agenda and annotations**

**Note by the Executive Secretary\***

**I. Provisional agenda**

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\* This document has been submitted after the due date because the decision to hold the session was only taken at the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

## II. Background

1. At its thirteenth session, the Conference of the Parties (COP), by its decision 1/CP.13, launched a comprehensive process to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012, in order to reach an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at its fifteenth session. It decided that the process shall be conducted under a subsidiary body under the Convention, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWGLCA), that shall complete its work in 2009 and present the outcome of its work to the (COP) for adoption at its fifteenth session. It agreed that the first session of the AWGLCA should be held as soon as possible and no later than April 2008.

2. In accordance with decision 1/CP.13, the first session of the AWGLCA has been scheduled to be held at the United Nations Conference Centre of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand, from 31 March to 4 April 2008, in conjunction with the first part of the fifth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

## III. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### 1. Opening of the session

3. The first session of the AWGLCA will be opened by the Chair on Monday, 31 March 2008.

### 2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

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

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(b) Organization of the work of the session

5. *Background:* Parties are invited to refer to the overview of the session posted on the UNFCCC website<sup>1</sup> and to consult the daily programme, published during the session, for a detailed and up-to-date schedule of the work of the AWGLCA.

6. The Chair of the AWGLCA has prepared a note on the scenario for the first session. Delegates are invited to consult this note in preparation for the session.

7. Representatives of Parties and international organizations are requested to keep their oral statements as brief as possible and to give a hard copy to the conference officers in advance to facilitate the work of the interpreters. Those wishing to make a written statement available should bring copies for distribution.

8. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its twenty-fourth session,<sup>2</sup> recommended that meetings should normally end by 6 p.m. but may, in exceptional circumstances, continue to no later than 9 p.m. This session of the AWGLCA will be organized accordingly.

<sup>1</sup> <[http://unfccc.int/meetings/intersessional/awg-lca\\_1\\_and\\_awg-kp\\_5/items/4288.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/intersessional/awg-lca_1_and_awg-kp_5/items/4288.php)>.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2006/11, paragraph 102.

9. *Action:* The AWGLCA will be invited to agree on the approach to the organization of work for the session.

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(c) Election of officers other than the Chair and Vice-Chair

10. *Background:* At the closing plenary of the thirteenth session, the COP elected Mr. Luiz Figueiredo Machado (Brazil) as Chair and Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar (Malta) as Vice-Chair of the AWGLCA for 2008. Pursuant to rule 27, paragraph 6, of the draft rules of procedure being applied, each subsidiary body shall elect its Rapporteur. The nomination of Ms. Lilian Portillo (Paraguay) for the post of Rapporteur was received after the session.

11. *Action:* The AWGLCA will be invited to elect its Rapporteur.

### 3. Development of a work programme

12. *Background:* As noted above, the COP, by its decision 1/CP.13, established the AWGLCA and tasked it with conducting a comprehensive process to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012, in order to reach an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at its fifteenth session.

13. The COP further instructed the AWGLCA to develop its work programme at its first session in a coherent and integrated manner, and invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 22 February 2008, their views regarding the work programme, taking into account the elements to be addressed by the AWGLCA referred to in decision 1/CP.13, paragraph 1.

14. Decision 1/CP.13, paragraph 1, identifies four areas for enhanced action that should, inter alia, be addressed by the AWGLCA over the next two years: mitigation, adaptation, technology and finance, with enhanced action on technology and finance having the purpose of supporting and enabling mitigation and adaptation. The decision further provides a non-exclusive list of issues to be considered under each of the action areas.

15. The COP agreed that the process should be informed by the best available scientific information, experience in implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, and processes there under, outputs from other relevant intergovernmental processes and insights from the business and research communities and civil society.

16. The COP further agreed that the sessions of the group would be scheduled as often as is feasible and necessary to complete the work of the group, and that the sessions of the group may be complemented by workshops and other activities, as required.

17. *Action:* The AWGLCA will be invited to develop its work programme in a coherent and integrated manner by identifying how to consider the issues identified in 1/CP.13, what inputs would be required and how the process will be informed by science, experience in implementation and insights from business and civil society, taking into account ongoing and planned work under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol. The AWGLCA will also be invited to take note of the dates for its second session to be held in conjunction with the twenty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies from 2 to 13 June 2008, in Bonn, Germany, and for its third session, to be scheduled for August or September 2008.

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#### **4. Other matters**

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

#### **5. Report on the session**

19. *Background:* A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the AWGLCA at the end of the session.
20. *Action:* The AWGLCA 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 Long-term Cooperative Action under the  
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**Documents prepared for the session**

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