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**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FURTHER COMMITMENTS  
FOR ANNEX I PARTIES UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

**Ninth session**

**Bangkok, 28 September to 9 October 2009, and Barcelona, 2–6 November 2009**

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

**Organizational matters**

**Organization of the work of the session**

## **Scenario note on the first part of the ninth session**

**Note by the Chair**

### **I. Introduction**

1. The first part of the ninth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 28 September to Friday, 9 October 2009. In response to requests from Parties, the Chair of the AWG-KP has prepared this scenario note, which complements the information contained in the agenda and annotations.<sup>1</sup>

2. As part of its work programme, which was updated at its resumed sixth session, the AWG-KP agreed that at its ninth session it will seek to consider issues relating to rules and modalities of possible improvements relating to items 3, 4 and 5 of its agenda for the sixth session, as well as any draft decisions or draft amendments.<sup>2</sup> These agenda items read as follows:

- (a) Item 3: Analysis of means to reach emission reduction targets and identification of ways to enhance their effectiveness and contribution to sustainable development;
- (b) Item 4: Consideration of relevant methodological issues;
- (c) Item 5: Consideration of information on potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties (hereinafter referred to as potential consequences).

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/11.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8, paragraph 60 (c).

3. The work programme for 2009 also provided for the adoption of conclusions, at the seventh and eighth sessions, on the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate as well as on the contribution of Annex I Parties to this scale. Furthermore, at its seventh session, the AWG-KP agreed to continue its deliberations on the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate as a key focus of its eighth session. As these matters are still under consideration, and given their centrality to completing the work of the AWG-KP, further discussions will be a priority at the ninth session, including with regard to time allocation.

## **II. Overview and organizational matters**

### **A. Views on the organization of the session**

4. The provisional agenda for the session contains only one substantive item, namely item 3, "Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol". The provisional agenda has been developed in a simplified way in order to focus the work of the AWG-KP on the essence of its work. All issues identified in section I above will be considered under this item of the provisional agenda.

5. Arrangements for three plenary meetings have been made as follows:

- (a) An opening plenary, scheduled for Monday, 28 September 2009, to open the session, adopt the agenda for the ninth session, agree on the organization of the work of the session and hear opening statements from groups of Parties. In this plenary, the Chair will introduce the documents prepared for the session;
- (b) A second plenary to take stock of discussions and, as appropriate, agree on any action required for the work to progress;
- (c) A closing plenary, scheduled for Friday, 9 October 2009, to consider the reports of the different contact groups and close the first part of the ninth session of the AWG-KP.

6. At the first plenary, the Chair will propose the establishment of four contact groups to advance work on the issues identified in paragraphs 2 and 3 above. Following the practice at the eighth session, these groups will be:

- (a) On the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate as well as on the contribution of Annex I Parties to this scale;
- (b) On other matters;
- (c) On potential consequences;
- (d) On legal matters.

7. The Chair would like to suggest that the contact group referred to in paragraph 6 (a) above consider in detail the issues identified by Parties during the informal meeting of the AWG-KP that took place from 10 to 14 August 2009, in Bonn. He would also like to suggest that this group devote one of its meetings to the discussion of the implications of other issues, in particular emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms and land use, land-use change and forestry, on the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate and individually. To that end, he encourages Parties to advance work in understanding how the different proposals would have a quantitative effect on such a scale.

8. The contact group referred to in paragraph 6 (b) above should address the issues identified in paragraph 49 (c) of the report on the resumed sixth session of the AWG-KP.<sup>3</sup> The Chair stresses the need to resolve those issues which have implications for the discussions on the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties, as well as those technical issues which could be resolved before the AWG-KP session in Copenhagen.

9. As regards the contact group on potential consequences, the AWG-KP has agreed that at this session it will consider a revision by the Chair of annex I to the report of the eighth session of the AWG-KP.<sup>4</sup> The Chair notes that the AWG-KP can make significant progress at this session on the issues contained in this annex.

10. As agreed at past sessions, the contact group on legal matters will be established to consider questions of a legal nature that are brought to its attention by other contact groups.

11. Following past practice, the Chair will hold pre-sessional bilateral consultations with Parties to discuss the organization of the session and expected outcomes. In addition, the Chair would like to discuss informally with Parties during the course of the session strategic issues for the AWG-KP session in Copenhagen relating to the forwarding of the results of the work of the AWG-KP to the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP).

## **B. Documentation**

12. Documentation to facilitate negotiations among Parties was prepared by the Chair in accordance with the request by the AWG-KP at its eighth session.<sup>5</sup> This documentation was considered during the informal meeting in August and comprises:

- (a) A parent document which has been revised and issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Rev.1;
- (b) The following four addenda:
  - (i) Addendum 1 contains proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol pursuant to its Article 3, paragraph 9. This addendum has been revised and issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Add.1/Rev.1;
  - (ii) Addendum 2 contains other proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol. It has been issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Add.2;
  - (iii) Addendum 3 contains a compilation of proposals for elements of draft decisions on other issues identified in paragraph 49 (c) of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8. This addendum has been revised and issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Add.3/Rev.1;
  - (iv) Addendum 4 contains a compilation of proposals by Parties for aggregate and individual figures for Annex I Parties. This addendum has been revised and issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/10/Add.4/Rev.1.

13. In addition, in response to a request by the AWG-KP at its eighth session, the Chair has revised annex I to the report on the eighth session of the AWG-KP on potential consequences to reflect input from the informal meeting in August. The revision to this annex has been issued as document FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/12.

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<sup>3</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/9.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/9, paragraph 19.

14. The Chair hopes that the documentation mentioned in paragraphs 12 and 13 above assists the AWG-KP in advancing its negotiations. He invites delegations to use this documentation to reflect progress as discussions advance.

### **III. Final remarks**

15. The AWG-KP has agreed that its main task for 2009 is to forward to the CMP at its fifth session the results of its work on the consideration of commitments for subsequent periods for Annex I Parties under Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol, with a view to their adoption.<sup>6</sup>

16. The Chair would like to remind delegates that only three weeks of formal sessions are available to the AWG-KP before it meets for its tenth session in Copenhagen. After the first part of the ninth session, this amount of time will be reduced to only one week. This means that, after the first part of the ninth session, the AWG-KP will have at its disposal a short period of time to resolve a large number of outstanding issues. Parties may wish to make use of the intersessional and pre-session period for informal exchanges with a view to bridging differences and consolidating views.

17. The Chair encourages Parties to come to the ninth session with a firm determination to advance negotiations and resolve those issues which can and need to be resolved before the AWG-KP session in Copenhagen.

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<sup>6</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 22 (c).