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Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on its fifteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010

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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The fifteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) was held at the Moon Palace Hotel, Cancun, Mexico, from 29 November 2010 to 10 December 2010.
2. The Chair of the AWG-KP, Mr. John W. Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), opened the fifteenth session of the AWG-KP on 29 November and welcomed all Parties and observers. He also welcomed Mr. Adrian Macey (New Zealand) as Vice-Chair of the AWG-KP and Mr. Miroslav Spasojevic (Serbia) as Rapporteur and expressed his appreciation to the Government of the United Mexican States for hosting the session.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

3. At its 1st meeting, on 29 November, the AWG-KP considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/15).
4. At the same meeting, the agenda was adopted as follows:
 1. Opening of the session.
 2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session.
 3. Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.
 4. Other matters.
 5. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

5. The AWG-KP considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 29 November, and agreed with the Chair's proposal for the organization of the work of the fifteenth session, as outlined in the scenario note.¹
6. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of 16 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the European Union and its members States, one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), one on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the least developed countries, one on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group, one on behalf of the Group of Mountainous Landlocked Developing Countries and one on behalf of a group of six Parties from the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty.

¹ FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/16.

III. Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

7. The AWG-KP considered this item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 29 November and 10 December, respectively.

8. At its 1st meeting, the AWG-KP had before it documents FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/15, FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/16, FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/17 and FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.7.

9. The Chair reminded delegates that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), by its decision 1/CMP.5, requested the AWG-KP to deliver the results of its work pursuant to decision 1/CMP.1 for adoption by the CMP at its sixth session. He highlighted that the current session was the last opportunity for Parties to negotiate any outstanding issues, as the AWG-KP would have to report to the CMP on the outcomes of the work undertaken by the group at the session.

10. The Chair reiterated his intention, indicated in his scenario note, to present Parties with a proposal based on document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/17 covering all aspects of the work of the AWG-KP, with a view to facilitating a comprehensive and balanced outcome. He assured Parties that he would work closely with the President of COP 16 and CMP 6 to assist Parties in reaching such an outcome. He also expressed his intention to focus the work on the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate and individually, an issue that he stated was central to the work of the AWG-KP.

11. Furthermore, the Chair recalled that at the opening of the CMP earlier that day the President had announced that she would assist Parties, upon invitation by the ad hoc working groups, to arrive at outcomes in the negotiations under both ad hoc working groups by undertaking consultations on outstanding issues, in particular in the area of mitigation, including issues relating to the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate and individually under the AWG-KP.

12. The AWG-KP agreed to continue to work on the issues identified in paragraph 49 (c) of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8; that is, land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF), emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms, as well as methodological issues. The Chair added that the issues of potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties would also be addressed.

13. The AWG-KP also agreed to establish a contact group on the consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, to be chaired by the Chair of the AWG-KP. It further agreed that the contact group would discuss the organization of its work.

14. At that 1st meeting, statements were made by three Parties.

15. At its 2nd meeting, the Chair informed the AWG-KP that the progress made during the session had been captured in the revised proposal by the Chair, contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.4/Rev.4. The Chair also informed the AWG-KP that a number of delegations had alerted him to some editorial omissions in the document and that some Parties had made some additional submissions, and that these changes would be included in the final version of the revised proposal. The revised proposal, with the changes, is contained in the addendum to this report (FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18/Add.1).

16. At its 2nd meeting, the AWG-KP considered the draft text tabled on the same day by the President of the sixth session of the CMP as a result of the consultations referred to in paragraph 11 above.

17. The AWG-KP agreed to forward the draft decisions contained in this draft text to the CMP for consideration and adoption.²

18. A representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia stated that her delegation had strong reservations regarding the text that was being proposed to be forwarded to the CMP for consideration and adoption. The Chair informed the representative that the concerns would be reflected in the report of the session. Subsequently, a representative of the country stated that the country did not support the text and therefore no consensus existed for the adoption of the decision.

2. Conclusions

19. The AWG-KP decided to recommend a draft decision on the outcome of its work at its fifteenth session and a draft decision on LULUCF for consideration and adoption by the CMP at its sixth session.³

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

20. No other matters were raised or considered.

V. Report on the session

(Agenda item 5)

21. At its 2nd meeting, on 10 December, the AWG-KP considered the draft report on its fifteenth session (FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/L.7). At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the AWG-KP authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Chair and with the assistance of the secretariat.

VI. Closure of the session

22. At the 2nd and final meeting, the Chair thanked the Vice-Chair for his work during the session. He also thanked delegates for their commitment and dedication with regard to the issues under consideration by the AWG-KP.

23. Statements were made by two Parties, including one speaking on behalf of AOSIS.

24. The Chair then declared the fifteenth session of the AWG-KP closed.

² FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/L.8/Add.1 and 2.

³ For the text as adopted, see document FCCC/KP/CMP/2010/11/Add.1, decisions 1/CMP.6 and 2/CMP.6.

Annex

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

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/15	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/16	Scenario note on the fifteenth session. Note by the Chair
FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/17	Draft proposal by the Chair to facilitate preparations for negotiations
FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.7	Views on the draft proposal by the Chair to facilitate preparations for negotiations. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/L.7	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on its fifteenth session
FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/L.8	Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/L.8/Add.1	Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair. Addendum. Recommendation by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol
FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/L.8/Add.2	Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair. Addendum. Recommendation by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. Land use, land-use change and forestry
FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.4	Proposal by the Chair
FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.4/Rev.1–4	Revised proposal by the Chair

Other documents before the session

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/14	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on its fourteenth session, held in Tianjin from 4 to 9 October 2010
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FCCC/KP/CMP/2009/21 and Add.1

Report of the Conference of the Parties serving
as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto
Protocol on its fifth session, held in
Copenhagen from 7 to 18 December 2009
