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**Agenda item 15**

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### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) noted the proposal from Kazakhstan, communicated to the secretariat on 18 September 2009, to amend Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol to include the name of Kazakhstan, with a quantified greenhouse gas emission limitation or reduction commitment under Article 3 of the Kyoto Protocol of 100 per cent of the 1992 level in the commitment period 2008 to 2012 and a footnote indicating that the country is undergoing the process of transition to a market economy.
2. The SBI also noted the submission by Kazakhstan of its first and second national communications on 5 November 1998 and 4 June 2009, respectively, and its 2010 greenhouse gas inventory report on 9 April 2010.
3. The SBI noted with appreciation the efforts made by Kazakhstan to implement the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol.
4. The SBI recalled the conclusions<sup>1</sup> adopted at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP). The SBI noted the plans of the secretariat to organize, in August 2010, an in-country review by an expert review team of the 2010 greenhouse gas inventory submission of Kazakhstan, in accordance with the request by the CMP at its fifth session,<sup>2</sup> and that the report of the review will be published in accordance with the timelines and procedures set out in the “Guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention” as contained in the annex to decision 19/CP.8. It also noted that the proposed amendment to Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol had been communicated by the secretariat to Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and to Parties and signatories to the Convention on 21 January 2010, and, for information, to the Depositary on 6 January 2010, in accordance with Article 21, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol, as requested by the CMP<sup>3</sup> at its fifth session.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2009/21, paragraphs 88–94.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2009/21, paragraph 93.

<sup>3</sup> As footnote 2 above.

5. The SBI concluded that the CMP, in its consideration of the proposal at its sixth session, may wish to focus on the legal and technical implications of this proposal, particularly in relation to the quantified greenhouse gas emission limitation or reduction commitment and base year proposed by Kazakhstan, as well as the assumption of a quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment during the first commitment period.
6. To facilitate consideration of this item at the sixth session of the CMP, the SBI encouraged interested Parties to carry out further consultations among themselves on these issues during the intersessional period.
7. The SBI noted that Kazakhstan is willing to demonstrate a flexible approach as regards choosing its base year and limitation or reduction commitment.<sup>4</sup> It also noted that Kazakhstan is currently in the process of developing a national limitations regime and trading system in order to meet its commitments under the Kyoto Protocol and any future regimes of emissions reductions.

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<sup>4</sup> That is, change its base year from 1992 to 1990 and commit to a reduction of 6 per cent based on 1990.