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Sixteenth session

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Item 2(b) of the provisional agenda

**Organizational matters**

**Organization of the work of the session**

### Scenario note on the sixteenth session

Note by the Chair\*\*

#### I. Introduction

1. The first part of the sixteenth 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 Tuesday, 5 April to Friday, 8 April 2011. The session will be resumed in June in Bonn, Germany. The purpose of this note is to share with delegations how the Chair intends to organize the work of the AWG-KP for the session. Annotations to the provisional agenda for the session have been prepared and issued by the secretariat.<sup>1</sup>

#### II. Approach to the session

2. The Chair believes that it would be beneficial at this session for Parties to engage in an open, inclusive and transparent discussion on general policy issues before deliberating on the more technical details. Such an exchange of views would seek to address ways to advance the unresolved issues relating to the work of the AWG-KP and their inter-relationship with other issues under discussion in the AWG-KP or in other bodies.

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\* The second part of the sixteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol will be held in conjunction with the second part of the fourteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention and the thirty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice. The exact dates of the resumed sessions of the ad hoc working groups will be announced in due course.

\*\* This document was submitted after the due date owing to the short interval between the fifteenth and sixteenth sessions of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

<sup>1</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2011/1.

3. As part of this discussion, Parties may wish to reflect on the implications of the decisions adopted at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Cancun, Mexico, for the work of the AWG-KP during 2011. Parties will identify aspects they see as relevant, but some possible examples could be:

(a) Paragraph 1 of decision 1/CMP.6, which reiterates the aim of ensuring that there is no gap between the first and second commitment period; with the end of the first commitment period approaching, it would be timely for Parties to consider how to achieve this;

(b) Paragraph 3 of decision 1/CMP.6, which takes note of the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of Annex I Parties as communicated by them and contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1;

(c) Paragraph 4 of decision 1/CMP.6, which urges Annex I Parties to raise the level of ambition of their emission reductions;

(d) Paragraph 5 of decision 1/CMP.6, regarding the further work needed to convert emission reduction targets to quantified economy-wide limitation or reduction commitments;

(e) Decision 2/CMP.6, on land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF), which affirms that the principles and definitions contained in decision 16/CMP.1 will continue to apply to the treatment of LULUCF activities and requests the AWG-KP to continue the consideration of definitions, modalities, rules and guidelines relating to LULUCF activities;

(f) Chapter V of decision 3/CMP.6, on the establishment and application of standardized baselines for clean development mechanism (CDM) project activities;

(g) Decision 7/CMP.6, regarding the eligibility of carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as CDM project activities and elaboration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of modalities and procedures for this purpose;

(h) Paragraph 93 of decision 1/CP.16, which provides for a forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, to be convened by the Chairs of the SBSTA and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, with the objective of developing a work programme under the subsidiary bodies to address these impacts.

### **III. Mode of work**

4. The Chair intends to follow the practice of Cancun of establishing a single contact group, to be chaired by him. In this contact group, Parties would engage in the discussion outlined in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and would focus on the main issues under the AWG-KP, as identified in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18/Add.1 and highlighted in decision 1/CMP.6. The Chair believes that engaging Parties in discussion on these issues could be useful in increasing mutual understanding of the challenges ahead of the AWG-KP and of how they can best be addressed to facilitate Parties in reaching a decision at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to be held in Durban, South Africa, in late 2011.

5. The opening plenary of the first part of the sixteenth session of the AWG-KP will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, 5 April. At this meeting, the Chair will propose the establishment of a contact group on item 3 of the provisional agenda, "Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol".

6. The discussion generated in the contact group will assist in taking forward the work in the spin-off groups. Following past practice, the spin-off groups highlighted below may be convened, depending on the nature of the discussion in the contact group:

(a) The scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate as well as the contribution of Annex I Parties, individually or jointly, to this scale, usually referred to as the “numbers” group;

(b) LULUCF;

(c) Emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms;

(d) Basket of methodological issues;

(e) Potential consequences.

7. Time slots will be reserved for these spin-off groups accordingly. The Chair intends to leave open the possibility of convening other spin-off groups should the discussion indicate the need for further consideration of a specific issue. Depending on the discussions, Parties may also wish to consider the desirability of convening a legal group.

8. The Chair will undertake pre-session consultations with Parties to discuss the organization of the session and its expected outcomes. Parties will have the opportunity to share with the Chair and Vice-Chair their perspectives on the work of the AWG-KP during 2011. All groups and individual Parties are invited to contact the secretariat if they would like to meet with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

#### **IV. Documentation**

9. The progress achieved by the AWG-KP in its discussions to date is reflected within the “Revised proposal by the Chair”.<sup>2</sup> At this session, the AWG-KP will continue its work based on the proposals contained in that document.

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<sup>2</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/18/Add.1.