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Scenario note on the third part of the fourteenth session

Note by the Chair*

I. Introduction

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) meets from 1 to 7 October in Panama City, Panama, for the third part of its fourteenth session.
2. At the second part of the session, held in June 2011, Parties engaged in intense substantive work on all items and sub-items on the agenda adopted in Bangkok, Thailand. Continuing their work in Panama, Parties should build on the progress made, including the submissions made by Parties and the written inputs provided during the June meeting.¹

II. View to Durban

3. The meeting in Panama is the last meeting of the AWG-LCA before the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) in Durban, South Africa. Owing to the limited time remaining until the AWG-LCA will have to present the results of its work to the COP, the challenge will be to find the common ground among the positions of the Parties and to develop it into draft decisions ready for the COP to adopt.
4. Moreover, in Durban, the amount of time for work, especially for in-depth work, will be very limited given that the COP, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the subsidiary bodies will all be in

* This document was submitted after the due date owing to the short interval between the second and the third parts of the fourteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention.

¹ The report on the first and second parts of the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA is contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/9.

session. This means that the seven days in Panama present an important opportunity to make progress and to work in a concerted manner in an environment where efforts can be concentrated. Parties need to make advances in the preparation of draft decision texts on all elements of the outcome and need to focus on delivering this outcome in Durban.

5. During the second part of the session, South Africa, as the incoming Presidency of COP 17 and CMP 7, initiated consultations in collaboration with the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies on the elements of the Durban outcome, and indicated that these consultations would continue during the third part of the session. The Chair of the AWG-LCA will continue to coordinate with, and support, the incoming COP Presidency in these consultations, including on the contribution that the AWG-LCA could make to the outcome in Durban.

III. Organization of the work of the session

6. The AWG-LCA will hold a brief plenary meeting to resume the session on Saturday, 1 October. This meeting will provide an opportunity for Parties to share information on initiatives undertaken since the second part of the session that are of direct relevance to the negotiations.

7. Recalling that the AWG-LCA is resuming its work from the June meeting and in light of the large amount of work ahead, Parties made suggestions at the last meeting to limit the time devoted to formal statements at the resumed session. The Chair will therefore propose that Parties refrain from making formal opening statements and that only groups of Parties take the floor for brief remarks as needed.²

8. As agreed at the second part of the fourteenth session, the AWG-LCA will continue with its organization of work in one contact group on agenda items 3–6, with the respective informal groups, thereby covering all substantive items and sub-items on the agenda. The Chair intends that the AWG-LCA will continue its work on all the substantive items and sub-items of its agenda as expeditiously as possible.

9. Building on the practice at the second part of the fourteenth session, the contact group will also hold frequent informational “touch base” meetings to provide delegates and observers with an overview of the work being undertaken in the informal groups. At the June meeting the AWG-LCA opened some of the meetings of the informal groups to observer organizations. The Chair believes that it would be desirable to build on and expand this practice.³

10. At the second part of the fourteenth session, in many of the informal groups Parties expressed the need for in-depth work and focused discussion on specific issues, in particular on technical issues. Facilitators, in their reports on the work in the informal groups, identified a number of such issues. The AWG-LCA agreed that such work would not be undertaken inter-sessionally, but will be integrated within the resumed session, in consultation with the Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA and the facilitators and with the support of the secretariat, taking into account the recommendations made during the second part of the session.

11. In line with this agreement, the Chair proposes that any in-depth work be embedded in the mode of operation of the informal groups as needed.

² Delegates who intend to make remarks on behalf of a group of Parties are kindly requested to inform the secretariat in advance by sending an e-mail to <secretariat@unfccc.int> and to provide a hard copy to the conference officers in advance, in order to facilitate the work of the interpreters.

³ The Subsidiary Body for Implementation also made a recommendation in this regard, see FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 167.

12. In-depth work identified by the facilitators includes the following:
- Guidelines for biennial reports for mitigation by developed country Parties;
 - Economy-wide emission reduction targets to be implemented by developed country Parties;⁴
 - Modalities and procedures for international assessment and review;
 - Guidelines for biennial update reports for developing country Parties;
 - Modalities for the provision of support for the preparation of biennial update reports from developing country Parties;
 - Measurement, reporting and verification of support;
 - Nationally appropriate mitigation actions to be implemented by developing country Parties;⁵
 - The registry;
 - Facilitation of support for the preparation and implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties;
 - Modalities and procedures for international consultation and analysis;
 - Proposed market-based and non-market-based mechanisms: potential functions and relationship to other issues in the negotiations;
 - Medium- and long-term finance;
 - Standing Committee;
 - Elements that would enable the Technology Mechanism to become fully operational in 2012, in particular the procedure to select the host, governance and funding arrangements for the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
 - Capacity-building under various thematic areas under the AWG-LCA and in existing and newly established bodies under the Convention;
 - Scope of the review and its modalities, including the required inputs: a technical briefing on information in the forthcoming Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report that may be of relevance for the review and the timing/availability of this information.
13. The AWG-LCA will hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 7 October, to conclude the work of the third part of the session and to decide, as needed, on further steps in preparation for the meeting in Durban.
14. The Chair believes that it will serve the effectiveness of the work of the AWG-LCA to continue in Durban with the agenda and the organization of work as adopted for the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA. Parties may, therefore, find it preferable that the

⁴ In their discussions, Parties may take into account the information contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1. Parties may also wish to consider the information contained in document FCCC/TP/2011/1 and the reports on the workshops held in conjunction with the first two parts of the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA (documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/7 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/11) as further input to the discussion.

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fourteenth session be suspended and resumed for its fourth part when the AWG-LCA meets again in Durban. The Chair will consult with Parties on this question and will make a proposal accordingly.
