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### Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

Fourteenth session, part four

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Agenda item 2(b)

Organizational matters

Organization of the work of the session

### Scenario note on the fourth part of the fourteenth session

Note by the Chair\*\*

#### I. Introduction

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its thirteenth session, established the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) to conduct a comprehensive process to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012.<sup>1</sup> At its sixteenth session, the COP decided to extend the AWG-LCA for one year in order for it to continue its work with a view to carrying out the undertakings contained in decision 1/CP.16 and present its results to the COP for consideration at its seventeenth session.<sup>2</sup>

2. The AWG-LCA will resume its work at the fourth part of its fourteenth session on 29 November 2011 in Durban, South Africa. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the seventeenth session of the COP, which is to close on 9 December 2011. As per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 143, the AWG-LCA is to present the results of its work to the COP for consideration.

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\* The fourth part of the session will be held in conjunction with the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties. The AWG-LCA will present the results of its work to the COP for consideration as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 143. The closing date of the session of the AWG-LCA will be determined in Durban.

\*\* This document has been submitted at this time because the Chair considers that a scenario note is most useful if it is submitted close to the session to which it applies.

<sup>1</sup> Decision 1/CP.13, paragraphs 1–2. At its fifteenth session, the COP decided to extend the mandate of the AWG-LCA to enable it to continue its work with a view to presenting the outcome of its work to the COP for adoption at its sixteenth session (decision 1/CP.15, para. 1).

<sup>2</sup> Decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 143 and 144.

## II. Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

3. Throughout the year, Parties have been working constructively on the broad range of issues before the AWG-LCA. They have submitted written proposals providing the basis for text, and they have engaged with each other on difficult issues striving to find common ground. As a result, the elements of the outcome have become clearer and texts are emerging from the work in the informal groups on the issues before the AWG-LCA – many in the form of draft, consolidated texts and some as a compilation of texts. On some occasions, Parties have also requested revisions. (All material resulting from the third part and prepared for the fourth part of the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA is available on the UNFCCC website.)<sup>3</sup>

4. Still, compilation texts are not agreed texts, and in some cases, facilitators have only been able to prepare summaries of the discussions, such that with respect to some issues there is as yet no clear picture of where agreement may be possible. Thus, much remains to be done in Durban. Special efforts will be needed to accelerate progress in areas that now lag.

5. It will also be critical to act with utmost effectiveness and efficiency. Time available for negotiations in the AWG-LCA 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 four subsidiary bodies<sup>4</sup> will all be in session.

6. During the first week, in particular, it will be important for Parties to produce concise text in each of the informal groups that can form the basis of a comprehensive AWG-LCA decision. As noted in Panama, the Chair envisions that the AWG-LCA outcome will consist of a single decision text containing multiple parts, and that longer, more technical material will be included in annexes to the decision.

7. Parties will need to have an overview of the entire draft AWG-LCA outcome early enough in the process to consider whether it is likely to be sufficiently balanced, comprehensive and robust and to make appropriate adjustments. Thus, there will be a need to bring together all the pieces emerging from the informal groups early enough for the Parties to have time in the informal groups to refine specific elements of the text and reach agreement on final details.

8. An overview of the possible structure and substantive elements of the AWG-LCA outcome, based on the work undertaken thus far, is suggested in the annex to this scenario note. The purpose is to start the process of visualizing the elements of the emerging package, based on the agreements being reached in the AWG-LCA. This overview is intended to assist Parties in their work, not to be restrictive or exhaustive.

9. The Chair welcomes the consultations on the elements of the broader Durban outcome that the incoming Presidency of COP 17 and CMP 7 has undertaken during the previous sessions in Bonn, Germany, and Panama City. The Chair will continue, with the Vice-Chair, to support and closely cooperate with the incoming COP President.

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<sup>3</sup> <<http://unfccc.int/bodies/awg-lca/items/6223.php>>.

<sup>4</sup> The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and the AWG-LCA.

### III. Organization of the work of the session

10. The AWG-LCA will resume its work by way of a brief plenary meeting on Tuesday, 29 November. This meeting will provide an opportunity for Parties to share information on initiatives undertaken since the third part of the session that are relevant to the negotiations.

11. Following the practice of previous meetings this year, and in order to resume the substantive work as expeditiously as possible, the Chair will propose that only groups of Parties take the floor in order to make brief remarks.<sup>5</sup>

12. The AWG-LCA will continue with its organization of the work in one contact group, with the respective informal groups, covering all substantive items and sub-items of the agenda, with assistance from the facilitators. It is the Chair's intention that the contact group will resume its work immediately upon conclusion of the plenary meeting on 29 November.

13. The contact group will continue to hold regular, brief 'touch base' meetings to provide delegates and observers with an overview of the progress being made and address questions that may arise.

14. The AWG-LCA will have to concentrate its efforts and work in a focused manner. Parties will need to bridge their differences and reach common ground. The Chair stands ready to guide, assist and facilitate this essential work by the Parties.

15. The Chair is confident that the AWG-LCA will succeed in reaching agreement and will present a balanced, comprehensive and robust outcome to the COP in Durban.

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<sup>5</sup> 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.

## Annex

### **Overview of substantive elements and structure that the outcome of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention might take**

This annex is intended to provide an overview of the substantive elements of the outcome that might be forthcoming from the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention and of the structure that it might take.<sup>1</sup>

#### **I. A shared vision for long-term cooperative action**

#### **II. Enhanced action on mitigation**

##### **1. Nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions by developed country Parties**

- Modalities and procedures for international assessment and review;
- Guidelines for biennial reports for developed country Parties;
- Matters relating to paragraphs 36–38 of the Cancun Agreements.<sup>2</sup>

##### **2. Nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties**

- Modalities and procedures for international consultation and analysis;
- Guidelines for biennial update reports from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
- The registry;
- Matters relating to paragraphs 48–51 of the Cancun Agreements.<sup>3</sup>

##### **3. Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries**

##### **4. Cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions, in order to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c), of the Convention**

##### **5. Various approaches, including opportunities for using markets, to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, bearing in mind the different circumstances of developed and developing countries**

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<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 8 above.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 1/CP.16.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 1/CP.16.

**6. Economic and social consequences of response measures**

**III. Enhanced action on adaptation**

- Adaptation Committee.

**IV. Finance**

- Standing Committee;
- Long term finance.

**V. Technology development and transfer**

- Operationalization of the Technology Mechanism including the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

**VI. Capacity-building**

**VII. Review: further definition of its scope and development of its modalities**

**VIII. Continued discussion of legal options with the aim of completing an agreed outcome based on decision 1/CP.13, the work done at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and proposals made by Parties under Article 17 of the Convention**

**IX. Other matters**

1. Parties included in Annex I to the Convention undergoing the process of transition to a market economy
2. Parties included in Annex I to the Convention whose special circumstances are recognized by the Conference of the Parties

**X. Additional matters**

**Annexes**

(To contain technical details not appropriate to include in the body of the text.)

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