

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

**Fifteenth session, part two**

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Agenda item 3(a)

**A shared vision for long-term cooperative action, including a long-term global goal for emission reductions, to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention, in accordance with the provisions and principles of the Convention, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and taking into account social and economic conditions and other relevant factors**

### **Submission from the African States**

1. On 4 December 2012, the secretariat received a submission from a group of Parties. The secretariat was requested to issue a conference room paper containing this submission.
2. This submission is attached and reproduced\*\* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.<sup>1</sup>

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\* The second part of the session will be held in conjunction with the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. The closing date will be determined in due course.

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<sup>1</sup> Also available at <[http://unfccc.int/meetings/ad\\_hoc\\_working\\_groups/lca/items/7056.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/ad_hoc_working_groups/lca/items/7056.php)>.

Submission from the African States

**AGN Submission on Shared Vision 20121128**

**I. A shared vision for long-term cooperative action  
(Agenda item 3(a))**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* the principles, provisions and commitments set forth in the Convention, in particular its Articles 3 and 4,

*Also recalling* decision 1/CP.13,

*Further recalling* decision 1/CP.16, elaborating on a shared vision for long-term cooperative action, in particular the request contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 with regard to the consideration of a global goal for substantially reducing global emissions by 2050 and the time frame for global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions,

*Also recalling* decision 2/CP.17, in particular the acknowledgement that the consideration of these goals cannot be undertaken in the abstract and will necessarily involve matters related to the context for such considerations,

*Reaffirming* that Parties should take urgent action with a view to reducing global emissions so as to hold the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C above preindustrial levels, consistent with science and on the basis of equity,

*Also reaffirming* that all Parties should cooperate in achieving the peaking of global and national emissions as soon as possible and a decline in those emissions thereafter, recognizing that the time frame for peaking will be longer in developing countries and shall reflect their national circumstances, and bearing in mind that social and economic development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priority of developing countries, that a low-carbon development strategy is indispensable to sustainable development and that equitable access to sustainable development is essential,

1. *Affirms* that a global goal for substantially reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 shall be achieved on the basis of the principles and provisions of the Convention, including the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in a manner that ensures harmony between humanity and nature;

2. *Decides* that developed country Parties as a group should reduce their gas emissions by at least 45 per cent from 1990 levels by 2020, and by at least 80 per cent from 1990 levels by 2050;

3. *Affirms* that developing country Parties' equitable contributions to the achievement of a global goal for substantially reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 shall take into account their national circumstances and ensure access to their sustainable development;

4. *Decides* that part of the context for the achievement of a global goal for substantially reducing global emissions by 2050, and a time frame for global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions is the fulfilment of the following long-term goals:

(a) On adaptation - a corresponding goal for adaptation recognising that adaptation costs and needs in the context of social and economic conditions and development are dependent temperature goal and emission reduction scenarios

(b) On finance - a goal for measurable, reportable and verifiable new and additional financial flows by Annex II Parties to developing country Parties corresponding to agreed to emission reduction goals and adaptation needs

(c) On technology transfer - a corresponding goal for accelerated and operational provision of technological support by Annex II Parties, using measurable, reportable and verifiable modalities and indicators for technology transfer;

(d) On capacity-building - support for capacity-building in developing countries is made operational, using measurable, reportable and verifiable modalities and indicators;

5. *Further decides* that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice elaborates through workshops, technical and synthesis reports on the technical understanding of:

(a) The implications of a timeframe for global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions on developing country Parties' sustainable development;

(b) The extent and cost of adaptation related to the global temperature goal, emission reduction goals and peaking scenarios;

(c) The goal for financial support for developing country Parties to support their mitigation and adaptation actions for meeting the emission reduction and temperature global goals;

(d) The goals and indicators for technology transfer and capacity building in developing country Parties;

6. *Request* the SBSTA to make available the outcomes of the work in paragraph 5 to the 20<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties for its consideration

7. *Reaffirms* that, measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction to international trade;

8. *Invites* Parties to cooperate to undertake a range of measures to address issues of intellectual property rights; and *requests* the Technology Executive Committee to consider this matter and submit annual reports to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;

9. *Welcomes* the work done by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on equitable access to sustainable development through a workshop and the report on the workshop<sup>1</sup> by the Chair; *Decides* to undertake a two year work programme on equity, including workshops, to progress on equity in the context of sustainable development;

10. *Invites* the President of the Conference of the Parties to appoint two co-chairs, one from a developing country Party and one from a developed country Party, for the work programme mentioned in paragraph 9 above; *Requests* the secretariat to assist the co-chairs in supporting the work programme mentioned in paragraph 9 above;

11. *Decides* that the aim of the work programme referred to in paragraph 9 above is to operationalize the principle of equity in a way that would lead to a fair result for all Parties, taking into account the discussions at the workshop mentioned in paragraph 9 above;

12. *Also decides* that the outcomes of the work programme referred to in paragraph 9 above shall inform the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action;

13. *Requests* the co-chairs, supported by the secretariat, to prepare an interim report on the work programme referred to in paragraph 10 above, to inform the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session, and to prepare a full report on the work programme for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session.

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