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**Conclusion of the session**

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serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol  
on its first session**

**Draft report of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the  
Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on its first session**

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## **I. Opening of the session**

(Agenda item 1)

1. The first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP), convened by the secretariat pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 6, of the Kyoto Protocol,<sup>1</sup> was opened at the Palais des congrès de Montréal, Montreal, Canada, on 28 November 2005, by Mr. Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment of Canada, President of the COP/MOP at its first session.

### **A. Host Government welcoming ceremony**

2. The formal opening was preceded by a welcoming ceremony organized by the Government of Canada to mark the opening of the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the first session of the COP/MOP. At the ceremony Mr. Gérald Tremblay, Mayor of Montreal, and Mr. Jean Charest, Premier of Quebec, addressed the delegates.

3. Welcoming all participants, the Premier of Quebec, underlined the commitment of the Government of Quebec to actively contribute to achieving the objective of the Convention. Following the negotiations culminating in the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol, the Government of Quebec had initiated a plan of action for the period 2000–2002, aiming to further reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to level out the upward curve of emissions relating to the transport sector. In 2001, Quebec had acceded to the climate change action plan of the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, whose aim was to cut regional GHG emissions by 10 per cent by 2020. The province also played a leading role in promoting clean energy, such as wind energy and hydroelectricity, with the latter accounting for over 90 per cent of the province's electrical output. Referring to the Climate Leaders Summit of heads of government of federal states and regions and heads of major corporations from around the world, co-hosted by the Government of Quebec on 5 and 6 December 2005, the Premier stressed the importance of involving actors at federal, regional and business levels.

4. In his address of welcome, the Mayor of Montreal, underlined the crucial role that cities played in combatting climate change. More than half of the world's population now lived in urban areas and their lifestyles and consumption patterns had a major impact on the environment. Given the challenges that cities faced in reconciling economic, social and environmental needs, he called upon governments to support the efforts undertaken at the municipal level. Committed to promote the objectives of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, the City of Montreal had recently undertaken various measures, including the adoption of a resolution to reduce GHG emissions by 20 per cent by 2012. In conclusion, the Mayor underlined that every small gesture counted and called upon citizens to do their part to reduce GHG emissions.

5. Following the addresses of welcome, delegates saw a dramatic multimedia production reflecting on the impact of human actions on the environment, performed by Canadian artists.

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<sup>1</sup> The COP/MOP was held in conjunction with the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP). The proceedings of the COP are contained in a separate report. Joint elements such as the welcoming ceremony and proceedings of the joint meetings of the COP and the COP/MOP convened during the high-level segment of the sessions are reproduced in both reports.

**B. Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties  
serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol  
at its first session**

6. In opening the first session of the COP/MOP, the President said that the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol was a remarkable accomplishment of which the world could be proud. The success of the Protocol was a testament to the efforts of all those who had tirelessly strived to make it a reality, including governments, non-governmental organizations, businesses and, most importantly, the many individual citizens concerned about global climate change.

7. The President also paid tribute to the outstanding efforts of Mr. Raúl Estrada Oyuela (Argentina) who, as Chair of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate, had provided invaluable leadership in guiding the negotiations that led to the adoption of the Protocol. He further thanked Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar (Malta), the first Executive Secretary, who headed the secretariat from 1991 to 2002.

8. The President said that there had been many remarkable achievements on the path from Kyoto to Montreal, including the steadfast efforts by many countries to promote the ratification of the Protocol, the completion of the Marrakesh Accords, and the prompt start of the clean development mechanism. National efforts to implement the provisions of the Protocol were now well under way. Although much remained to be done to ensure that commitments were fully met and that the gains made were safeguarded after the first commitment period of the Protocol, the first meeting of the COP/MOP would be remembered as an important milestone in international cooperation.

**C. Other statements**

9. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting,<sup>2</sup> on 28 November, general statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Community and its member States and in association with three other Parties), and by Tuvalu (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States).

**II. Organizational matters**

(Agenda item 2)

**A. Status of ratification of the Kyoto Protocol**

(Agenda item 2 (a))

10. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the COP/MOP was informed that, as at that date, the number of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol totalled 157. All of those Parties were eligible to participate in decision-making at the session. The President said that the number of Parties to the Protocol was impressive and that this was a clear signal of the confidence that Parties had in the goals and the approach of the Protocol.

**B. Application of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties**

(Agenda item 2 (b))

11. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President recalled that Article 13, paragraph 5, of the Kyoto Protocol provides that the rules of procedure of the COP shall be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, under the Protocol, except as may be otherwise decided by consensus by the COP/MOP.

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<sup>2</sup> Meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol referred to in this report are plenary meetings.

12. On the proposal of the President, the COP/MOP decided that the draft rules of procedure as contained in document FCCC/CP/1996/2 should be applied, mutatis mutandis, with the exception of draft rule 42.

### **C. Adoption of the agenda**

(Agenda item 2 (c))

13. For its consideration of this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the COP/MOP had before it a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/1 and Add.1). The provisional agenda had been prepared in agreement with the President of the COP at its tenth session, taking into account views expressed by Parties during the twenty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and by members of the Bureau of the COP.

14. Under this sub-item, statements were made by representatives of two Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and in association with three other Parties.

15. On the proposal of the President, the agenda was adopted by the COP/MOP as follows:

1. Opening of the session
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Status of ratification of the Kyoto Protocol
  - (b) Application of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda
  - (d) Election of replacement officers
  - (e) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies
  - (f) Date and venue of the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
  - (g) Approval of the report on credentials
3. Adoption of decisions forwarded by the Conference of the Parties to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session
4. Report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism and election of members of the Executive Board
5. Implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol, including election of members of the Article 6 Supervisory Committee
6. Report of the administrator of the international transaction log under the Kyoto Protocol
7. Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol:
  - (a) Adoption of procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol, in terms of Article 18 of the Kyoto Protocol
  - (b) Proposal from Saudi Arabia to amend the Kyoto Protocol
  - (c) Election of members of the Compliance Committee
8. Capacity-building under the Kyoto Protocol
9. Adaptation Fund
10. Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

11. Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol: consideration of commitments for subsequent periods for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
12. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:
  - (a) Income and budget performance in the biennium 2004–2005
  - (b) Programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007
  - (c) Privileges and immunities for individuals serving on constituted bodies established under the Kyoto Protocol
13. Reports of the subsidiary bodies and decisions and conclusions arising therefrom:
  - (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
  - (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation
14. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol by the subsidiary bodies
15. High-level segment
16. Statements by observer organizations
17. Determination of a quantified emission reduction commitment for Belarus
18. Other matters
19. Conclusion of the session:
  - (a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on its first session
  - (b) Closure of the session.

#### **D. Election of replacement officers**

(Agenda item 2 (d))

16. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President recalled Article 13, paragraph 3, and Article 15, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol, which provide that in matters concerning the Protocol any member of the Bureau of the COP and the subsidiary bodies representing a Party to the Convention but, at that time, not a Party to the Protocol, shall be replaced by an additional member to be elected by and from among the Parties to the Protocol.

17. He noted that the current Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) represented a Party that was not yet a Party to the Protocol and would therefore need to be replaced during the discussion of agenda items pertaining to the Protocol. The African Group would be expected to nominate a replacement.

18. In view of the limited time available and the need to ensure a smooth opening of the twenty-third session of the SBSTA, the COP/MOP, on the proposal of the President, invited the SBSTA Vice-Chair, Mr. Amjad Abdulla (Maldives), to chair the SBSTA during the discussion of Protocol items on the SBSTA agenda until the African Group came forward with a replacement or agreed to continue the arrangement proposed by the President until the election of the full Bureau of the COP at its eleventh session.

[to be completed]



**E. Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda item 2 (e))

19. In introducing this sub-item at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President drew the attention of the COP/MOP to the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/1). He noted that the subsidiary bodies would be convened with the aim of developing, before their sessions ended on 6 December, draft decisions and conclusions for submission to the COP/MOP.

20. On a proposal by the President, the COP/MOP decided to refer items to the subsidiary bodies for consideration and the submission of appropriate draft decisions or conclusions, as follows:

Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)

- Item 8 Capacity-building under the Kyoto Protocol
- Item 9 Adaptation Fund
- Item 12 (a) Income and budget performance in the biennium 2004–2005
- Item 12 (c) Privileges and immunities for individuals serving on constituted bodies established under the Kyoto Protocol

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

- Item 6 Report of the administrator of the international transaction log under the Kyoto Protocol
- Item 10 Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

21. The President announced that, at its meeting scheduled for 30 November, the COP/MOP would take up agenda item 3, “Adoption of decisions forwarded by the Conference of the Parties to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session”; item 4, “Report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism and election of members of the Executive Board”; item 5, “Implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol, including election of members of the Article 6 Supervisory Committee”; item 7, “Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol”; item 11, “Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol: consideration of commitments for subsequent periods for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention”; item 17, “Determination of a quantified emission reduction commitment for Belarus”; and item 18, “Other matters”.

22. The COP/MOP agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposals made by the President.

**F. Date and venue of the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

(Agenda item 2 (f))

[to be completed]

**G. Approval of the report on credentials**

(Agenda item 2 (g))

[to be completed]

### **III. Adoption of decisions forwarded by the Conference of the Parties to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session**

(Agenda item 3)

23. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 30 November, the COP/MOP had before it document FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3 and Add. 1–4 containing the consolidated texts of draft decisions that had been recommended by the COP for adoption by the COP/MOP at its first session. It further considered two draft decisions contained in documents FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/L.2 and FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/L.3, which had been forwarded to the COP/MOP by the COP during the first meeting of the COP on 28 November.

24. On the invitation of the President, the COP/MOP adopted the following draft decisions as contained in these documents:<sup>3</sup>

- /CMP.1 Arrangements for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3)
- /CMP.1 Land use, land-use change and forestry (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.1)
- /CMP.1 Good practice guidance for land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.1)
- /CMP.1 Matters relating to Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.1)
- /CMP.1 Guidelines for national systems under Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.2)
- /CMP.1 Guidelines for the preparation of the information required under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.2)
- /CMP.1 Standard electronic format for reporting Kyoto Protocol units (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.2)
- /CMP.1 Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.2)
- /CMP.1 Terms of service for lead reviewers (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.2)
- /CMP.1 Issues relating to the implementation of Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol – 1 (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.2)
- /CMP.1 Issues relating to the implementation of Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol – 2 (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.2)
- /CMP.1 Good practice guidance and adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/L.2)
- /CMP.1 Issues relating to adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/L.3)
- /CMP.1 Principles, nature and scope of the mechanisms pursuant to Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.3)
- /CMP.1 Guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.3)
- /CMP.1 Modalities, rules and guidelines for emissions trading under Article 17 of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.3)
- /CMP.1 Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.3)

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<sup>3</sup> The numbering of decisions will be added in the final report of the COP/MOP.

- /CMP.1 Modalities and procedures for a clean development mechanism as defined in Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.4)
- /CMP.1 Modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism in the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.4)
- /CMP.1 Simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism in the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and measures to facilitate their implementation (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.4)
- /CMP.1 Guidance relating to the clean development mechanism (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/3/Add.4)

25. On this agenda item, a statement was made by the representative of one Party.

26. In concluding this item, the President highlighted that the adoption of these draft decisions represented the culmination of years of work and marked an historic step forward for Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and their efforts to address the problem of global climate change. The decisions specified how to measure emissions and reductions, and the extent to which carbon dioxide absorbed by carbon sinks could be counted towards the Kyoto targets. They also spelled out how the cooperative mechanisms such as joint implementation and emissions trading systems would work. Many aspects of the clean development mechanism (CDM), which would be crucial for reaching reduction targets and for delivering sustainable development, were also covered.

27. The Marrakesh Accords represented not only a landmark achievement for addressing global climate change, but an achievement in the history of multilateral negotiations. With the adoption of those decisions, the international community had made an important step towards addressing one of the most pressing environmental issues by implementing an effective mechanism to curb emissions.

#### **IV. Report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism and election of members of the Executive Board**

(Agenda item 4)

28. For its consideration of this item at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 30 November, the COP/MOP had before it document FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/4 and Add.1 containing the annual report of the Executive Board of the CDM. The President recalled that the CDM Executive Board had been instituted by the COP at its seventh session and had so far functioned under its authority. Following the entry into force of the Protocol in February 2005, this was the first time that the Executive Board would report to the COP/MOP. The President invited the Chair of the CDM Executive Board to introduce the Board's report.

29. [to be completed]

30. Following the report by the Chair of the Executive Board, statements were made by the representatives of 28 Parties, including representatives speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Community and its member States and in association with three other Parties, the Alliance of Small Island States, the Central American countries, and the African Group. A statement was also made by the International Emissions Trading Association on behalf of business and industry groups.

31. The President said that, in order to acknowledge the work accomplished and to guide further work, a decision would need to be adopted by the COP/MOP at the session. On his proposal, the COP/MOP decided to establish a contact group on this agenda item, co-chaired by Mr. David Brackett (Canada) and Mr. André do Lago (Brazil), to conclude discussion on the matter before the beginning of the high-level segment on 7 December.

32. The President also reminded Parties that several members and alternate members of the CDM Executive Board needed to be elected by the COP/MOP at the session. Ms. Marcia Levaggi (Argentina) was to undertake consultations on the matter and looked forward to receiving nominations in writing from those constituencies that had not already done so.

[to be completed]

**V. Implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol,  
including election of members of the Article 6 Supervisory Committee**  
(Agenda item 5)

33. Inviting the COP/MOP to consider this item at its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 30 November, the President recalled that under Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol “any Party included in Annex I may transfer to, or acquire from, any other such Party emission reduction units resulting from projects aimed at reducing anthropogenic emissions by sources or enhancing anthropogenic removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in any sector of the economy.” The emission reduction units (ERUs) generated by these joint implementation project activities can be used by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention towards meeting their emission targets under the Protocol.

34. He further recalled that the COP, at its seventh session, had adopted decision 16/CP.7 and its annex containing guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 30 November, the COP/MOP had adopted those guidelines under item 3 of the agenda and, by so doing, had established the Article 6 Supervisory Committee, which was to supervise, inter alia, the verification of ERUs generated by Article 6 projects.

35. The President invited the COP/MOP to take note of the preparatory work that the secretariat had undertaken, in particular a workshop in 2004, which had been reported to the COP at its tenth session. That work had been undertaken in anticipation of the first session of the COP/MOP and the establishment of the Article 6 Supervisory Committee.

36. Following his introductory remarks, the President opened the floor for interventions from Parties. Statements on this item were made by representatives of four Parties, including representatives speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and in association with three other Parties, and on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

37. On a proposal by the President, the COP/MOP decided to establish a contact group on this item, chaired by Ms. Daniela Stoycheva (Bulgaria), to report back to the COP/MOP before the beginning of the high-level segment on 7 December.

38. The President also reminded Parties that the COP/MOP needed to elect members and alternate members of the Article 6 Supervisory Committee at the session and that nominations should be forwarded to Ms. Marcia Levaggi (Argentina).

[to be completed]

**VI. Report of the administrator of the international transaction log  
under the Kyoto Protocol**  
(Agenda item 6)

[to be completed]

## **VII. Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol**

(Agenda item 7)

39. Introducing this item at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, on 30 November, the President recalled that the COP, in its decision 24/CP.7, had adopted text containing the procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Protocol, and had recommended that the COP/MOP at its first session adopt the procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Protocol, in terms of Article 18 of the Protocol.

40. Referring delegates to document FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/2, the President noted that the Government of Saudi Arabia had made a proposal to amend the Kyoto Protocol by adding thereto the "Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol". Saudi Arabia proposed that the Protocol be amended pursuant to its Article 18 and Article 20, paragraph 1. The President also referred the COP/MOP to document FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/MISC.1, which contained a submission on the issue from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

41. To facilitate discussion, the President proposed to take up sub-items 7 (a) and (b) together, as they were closely related. Statements were made by representatives of 21 Parties, including representatives speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and in association with three other Parties, the Alliance of Small Island States, the African Group, and the Central American countries.

42. Following a proposal by the President, the Conference decided to establish a contact group on agenda items 7 (a) and (b), co-chaired by Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway) and Mr. Mamadou Honadia (Burkina Faso), to conclude discussion on the matter before the beginning of the high-level segment on 7 December.

[to be completed]

### **A. Adoption of procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol, in terms of Article 18 of the Kyoto Protocol**

(Agenda item 7 (a))

[to be completed]

### **B. Proposal from Saudi Arabia to amend the Kyoto Protocol**

(Agenda item 7 (b))

[to be completed]

### **C. Election of members of the Compliance Committee**

(Agenda item 7 (c))

43. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, on 30 November, the President referred the COP/MOP to the annex to decision 24/CP.7, which stipulates the expected competencies of Compliance Committee members.

44. The President said that, with the assistance of Mr. Jacques Bilodeau (Canada), he would undertake consultations on nominees for the Compliance Committee and report back to the COP/MOP at a later session.

## **VIII. Capacity-building under the Kyoto Protocol**

(Agenda item 8)

[to be completed]

## **IX. Adaptation Fund**

(Agenda item 9)

[to be completed]

## **X. Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol**

(Agenda item 10)

[to be completed]

## **XI. Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol: consideration of commitments for subsequent periods for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

(Agenda item 11)

45. In introducing this item at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, on 30 November, the President recalled that Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Protocol provided that “commitments for subsequent periods for Parties included in Annex I shall be established in amendments to Annex B to this Protocol, which shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of Article 21, paragraph 7.” The Protocol also provides that the COP/MOP shall initiate the consideration of such commitments at least seven years before the end of the first commitment period.

46. The President emphasized the significance of the COP/MOP taking up the consideration of Article 3, paragraph 9, as it marked the formal start of negotiations on future commitments. A successful launch of discussions on that important issue would underscore the commitment of Annex I Parties to take the lead in combating climate change.

47. On this agenda item, statements were made by the representatives of 24 Parties, including representatives speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and in association with three other Parties, the Alliance of Small Island States, the Group of 77 and China, and the least developed countries. A statement was also made by Greenpeace China on behalf environmental groups.

48. Following a proposal by the President, the COP/MOP decided to establish a contact group co-chaired by Mr. David Drake (Canada) and Mr. Alf Wills (South Africa) to report back to the COP/MOP before the beginning of the high-level segment on 7 December.

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## **XII. Administrative, financial and institutional matters**

(Agenda item 12)

[to be completed]

## **XIII. Reports of the subsidiary bodies and decisions and conclusions arising therefrom**

(Agenda item 13)

[to be completed]

## **XIV. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

**by the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda item 14)

[to be completed]

**XV. High-level segment**

(Agenda item 15)

[to be completed]

**XVI. Statements by observer organizations**

(Agenda item 16)

[to be completed]

**XVII. Determination of a quantified emission reduction commitment for Belarus**

(Agenda item 17)

49. In introducing this item at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, on 30 November, the President recalled that the Government of Belarus, by its communication of 21 October 2005, had requested the secretariat to include this item in the provisional agenda of the COP/MOP at its first session. With that request, the Government of Belarus sought to define its quantified emission reduction commitment as 95 per cent of the 1990 level, and to raise the issue of introducing a corresponding amendment to Annex B of the Protocol.

50. On this item, statements were made by representatives of three Parties.

51. On a proposal by the President, the COP/MOP decided that the President, assisted by Mr. Andrej Kranjc (Slovenia), would hold informal consultations on this agenda item and report back to the COP/MOP at a later meeting.

[to be completed]

**XVIII. Other matters**

(Agenda item 18)

52. On a proposal by the President, the COP/MOP at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 30 November, considered this item at the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the European Community and its member States. Having before it document FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/MISC.2. containing a submission by the Government of Italy on forest management under Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol, it heard a statement by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the European Community and its member States and in association with three other Parties.

53. Following the statement, the President said he would undertake consultations on this matter, assisted by Ms. Thelma Krug (Brazil), and report back to the COP/MOP at a later meeting.

[to be completed]

**XIX. Conclusion of the session**  
(Agenda item 19)

[to be completed]

Annexes

[to be completed]

PART TWO: ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL  
AT ITS FIRST SESSION

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