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UNDER THE CONVENTION**

**Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action
under the Convention on its first session,
held in Bangkok from 31 March to 4 April 2008**

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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

A. Host Government welcoming ceremony

1. The formal opening of the session was preceded by a welcoming ceremony organized by the Government of Thailand to mark the opening of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) and the first part of the fifth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.
2. Statements were made by Mr. Sahas Bunditkul, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Mr. Rachmat Witoelar, State Minister for the Environment of Indonesia and the President of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its thirteenth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its third session, Mr. Janusz Zaleski, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of the Environment of Poland, and Mr. Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC. A video message was delivered by Mr. BAN Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

B. Opening of the session

3. The first session of the AWG-LCA was held at the United Nations Conference Centre at UNESCAP in Bangkok, Thailand, from 31 March to 4 April 2008.
4. The Chair of the AWG-LCA, Mr. Luiz Figueiredo Machado (Brazil), opened the session and welcomed all Parties and observers. He also welcomed Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar (Malta) as Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA.
5. The Chair recalled that three months ago in Bali, Parties had taken the critical step of launching 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, in order to reach an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at the fifteenth session of the COP in 2009. Through the Bali Action Plan,¹ Parties had identified five main areas, and elements within these areas, that the process should address: a shared vision for long-term cooperative action; enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change; enhanced action on adaptation; enhanced action on technology development and transfer; and enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment. Parties had much work before them and the Convention would serve as their guide in this common endeavour.
6. The Chair stated that the task before the AWG-LCA at its first session was to translate the Bali Action Plan into a coherent and comprehensive work programme that would enable Parties to complete their work and arrive at a successful outcome within an ambitious time frame. The AWG-LCA would need to move step by step and build solid bases for agreement, and should begin by clarifying issues, determining the necessary inputs and insights and putting ideas and proposals on the table. This would help to develop a common understanding of the main elements of a possible agreed outcome and organize options in a coherent way. The final stage would then be a concentrated negotiating effort to work towards an agreed outcome. The Chair noted that COP 14 would provide an opportunity for assessing the progress achieved and preparing elements for further work. Based on that, the AWG-LCA would in 2009 narrow down the options to arrive at an agreed outcome. At the present session, Parties would need to determine 'how' and 'when' issues would be addressed and what inputs and analytical work would be required.

¹ Decision 1/CP.13.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

7. At its 1st meeting, on 31 March, the AWG-LCA considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/1).
8. At the same meeting, the agenda was adopted as follows:
 1. Opening of the session.
 2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session;
 - (c) Election of officers other than the Chair and Vice-Chair.
 3. Development of a work programme.
 4. Other matters.
 5. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

9. The AWG-LCA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 31 March.
10. Recalling the scenario note prepared for the first session,² the Chair proposed that for agenda item 3 he would invite a first round of statements from Parties and observer organizations in a formal plenary setting. The AWG-LCA would then reconvene in an informal plenary format, during which Parties would speak in an informal and interactive setting and the Chair would prompt them to provide clarifications or to respond to suggestions made by others. Parties would also have the opportunity to work informally, in a different setting, on drafting the programme of work. These arrangements had been developed in order to allow all delegations to fully participate in a transparent manner and to facilitate contributions from observer organizations as appropriate. The AWG-LCA agreed to proceed on the basis of this proposal.
11. A statement was made by Switzerland (on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group).

C. Election of officers other than the Chair and Vice-Chair

(Agenda item 2 (c))

12. The AWG-LCA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 31 March. The Chair recalled rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, whereby the AWG-LCA is expected to elect its Rapporteur. He informed Parties that the nomination of Ms. Lilian Portillo (Paraguay) had been received by the secretariat. The AWG-LCA elected Ms. Portillo as its Rapporteur. She will serve for a period of one year.

² FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/2.

III. Development of a work programme

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

13. The AWG-LCA considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 31 March and 4 April, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/2 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.1 and Add.1–3.
14. At the 1st meeting, the Chair recalled that the COP, in adopting the Bali Action Plan, had instructed the AWG-LCA at its first session to develop the work programme in a coherent and integrated manner and had invited Parties to submit their views. The Chair said the response to this invitation had been encouraging and provided a good basis for starting the discussions. The secretariat had received 32 submissions by Parties and groups of Parties.³ In addition, submissions by observer organizations had been posted on the UNFCCC website.⁴
15. The Chair noted that the Bali Action Plan had provided Parties with clear guidance in terms of the substantive elements to be addressed, which should form the basis for the work programme. The focus for discussion at the present session would be to identify how these elements should be addressed and to take account of the strong interlinkages between the main action areas. Parties must discuss the inputs that would be required, as well as how the process would be informed by science, experience in implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and the processes thereunder, outputs from other relevant intergovernmental processes and insights from the business and research communities and civil society.
16. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of 36 Parties, including one on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, one on behalf of the European Community and its member States,⁵ one on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group and one on behalf of the least developed countries.
17. At the same meeting, the Chair invited statements from the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Chamber of Commerce (on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations), Climate Action Network (on behalf of environmental non-governmental organizations), the International Trade Union Confederation and Third World Network.
18. The AWG-LCA met in an informal plenary setting from 1 to 3 April to further consider this matter.
19. At its 2nd meeting, the AWG-LCA considered the draft conclusions⁶ proposed by the Chair and adopted them during the course of the meeting.
20. At the same meeting, the Chair noted that activities on paragraph 1 (b) (i) of the Bali Action Plan, with a focus on the concepts of “measurable, reportable and verifiable” and “comparable efforts”, and on paragraph 1 (b) (ii), with a focus on the concepts of “measurable, reportable and verifiable”, had been postponed until 2009. This had been done on the understanding that all elements of the Bali Action Plan would be on the agendas for all sessions of the AWG-LCA.

³ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.1 and Add.1–3.

⁴ <http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/ngo/items/3689.php>.

⁵ This statement was supported by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Turkey.

⁶ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/L.2, as orally corrected by the Chair.

2. Conclusions

21. The AWG-LCA recalled its mandate contained in the Bali Action Plan and the elements that the group should address, as outlined in paragraph 1 of that decision.
22. The AWG-LCA took note of the views expressed by Parties and observer organizations in their submissions and their statements made during the present session. The group had an exchange of views on the development of the two-year work programme as mandated in paragraph 7 of the Bali Action Plan. It invited its Chair to prepare a Chair's summary of the views expressed in this exchange.
23. The AWG-LCA further invited Parties and accredited observer organizations to provide additional information, views and proposals on paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan, as may be required for each session. It requested the secretariat to post these submissions on the UNFCCC website, as received, and to compile submissions by Parties into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the AWG-LCA.
24. The AWG-LCA agreed to undertake its work, seeking progress on all the elements assigned to it by the Bali Action Plan, in a coherent, integrated and transparent manner. It further agreed to organize its work at each session to include each of the elements, taking into account the interlinkages among them and with the work of the Convention's subsidiary bodies in the context of the Bali Road Map.⁷ These sessions shall be organized in such a manner for there to be sufficient time available for the negotiations of the AWG-LCA in order to enable the COP to reach an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at its fifteenth session.
25. The AWG-LCA considered that it would need to hold at least four sessions in 2009, of a total duration of up to eight weeks. It requested the secretariat to provide, at its second session, information on meeting facilities and resources needed and available for its work in 2009. In that regard, the AWG-LCA will start considering its work programme for 2009 at its second session in 2008, and complete it no later than at its fourth session in 2008.
26. The AWG-LCA agreed that its work should be facilitated by workshops and other activities to clarify and deepen understanding of the elements contained in the Bali Action Plan. Accordingly, the AWG-LCA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair in consultation with Parties, to organize the workshops listed in annex I. The AWG-LCA requested the Chair in his summary of each session to include the views expressed at the workshops.
27. The AWG-LCA further requested the secretariat, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Bali Action Plan, to compile and make available an information note on ongoing work under the Convention related to issues identified in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan.
28. The AWG-LCA invited other relevant intergovernmental processes, the business and research communities and civil society to take note of this work programme so that the process may be informed by their outputs or insights consistent with paragraph 11 of the Bali Action Plan.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

29. The LCA considered this item at its 2nd meeting, on 4 April. Statements were made by representatives of seven Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the European Community and its member States,⁸ one on

⁷ See document FCCC/CP/2007/6, paragraph 135.

⁸ This statement was supported by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Turkey.

behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, one on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group and one on behalf of the least developed countries.

V. Report on the session

(Agenda item 5)

30. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 April, the AWG-LCA considered and adopted the draft report on its first session.⁹ At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the AWG-LCA authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Chair.

VI. Closure of the session

31. At the same meeting, the Chair thanked the delegates for their contributions as well as the secretariat for its support.

⁹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/L.1.

Annex I**Activities for 2008**

SESSION 2	
Agenda items	Workshops
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared vision for long-term cooperative action • Enhanced national/international action on mitigation • Enhanced action on adaptation • Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation • Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing adaptation through finance and technology, including national adaptation programmes of action • Investment and financial flows to address climate change • Effective mechanisms and enhanced means for the removal of obstacles to, and provision of financial and other incentives for, the scaling up of the development and transfer of technology to developing country Parties in order to promote access to affordable environmentally sound technologies; and ways to accelerate deployment, diffusion and transfer of affordable environmentally sound technologies
SESSION 3	
Agenda items	Workshops
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared vision for long-term cooperative action • Enhanced national/international action on mitigation • Enhanced action on adaptation • Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation • Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions, in order to enhance implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c), of the Convention
SESSION 4	
Agenda items	Workshops
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared vision for long-term cooperative action • Enhanced national/international action on mitigation • Enhanced action on adaptation • Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation • Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk management and risk reduction strategies, including risk sharing and transfer mechanisms such as insurance • Cooperation on research and development of current, new and innovative technology, including win-win solutions • Shared vision for long-term cooperative action

Annex II

**Documents before the
Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action
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FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/2	Scenario note on the first session. Note by the Chair
FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.1 and Add.1-3	Views regarding the work programme of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/L.1	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its first session
FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/L.2	Development of a work programme. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
