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Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its fourteenth session

## Draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its fourteenth session

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

(Agenda items 1 and 2 (a))

1. The fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), convened pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,<sup>1</sup> was opened at the Poznan International Fair, Poznan, Poland, on 1 December 2008, by Mr. Rachmat Witoelar (Indonesia), President of the COP at its thirteenth session.

### **A. Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session**

2. The outgoing President, Mr. Witoelar, delivered a statement thanking all conference participants for the help extended to him during the past year.<sup>2</sup>

### **B. Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session**

(Agenda item 2 (a))

3. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting,<sup>3</sup> on 1 December, on the proposal of the outgoing President, the COP elected by acclamation Mr. Maciej Nowicki, Minister of the Environment of Poland, as its President. The outgoing President congratulated Mr. Nowicki on his election and wished him every success in guiding the work of the COP at its fourteenth session.

### **C. Statements by Heads of Government**

4. Statements were made by the Prime Minister of Poland, Mr. Donald Tusk, and the Prime Minister of Denmark, Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen.<sup>4</sup>

### **D. Address of welcome and further statements**

5. Further statements were made by the newly elected President of COP 14; the Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Mr. Rajendra Pachauri; and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Mr. Yvo de Boer. The Mayor of Poznan, Mr. Ryszard Grobelny, delivered an address of welcome.

6. Additional general statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Australia (on behalf of the Umbrella Group),<sup>5</sup> France (on behalf of the European Community and its member States),<sup>6</sup> Grenada (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Maldives (on behalf of the least developed countries), Switzerland (on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group) and Algeria (on behalf of the African Group).

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<sup>1</sup> The fourteenth session of the COP was held in conjunction with the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP). The proceedings of the CMP are contained in a separate report. The proceedings of the joint meetings of the COP and the CMP convened during the high-level segment of the sessions are reproduced in both reports.

<sup>2</sup> The full video records of the plenary sessions are available at <<http://copportal1.man.poznan.pl/>>. The transcripts of selected statements, including those made by Heads of State or Government, are also made available on the UNFCCC website at <[http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop\\_14/statements/items/4662.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop_14/statements/items/4662.php)>.

<sup>3</sup> Meetings of the COP referred to in this report are plenary meetings.

<sup>4</sup> In general, statements made during the opening of the COP applied to the work of the United Nations Climate Change Conference as a whole.

<sup>5</sup> The representative of Australia stated that the parts of the statement that related to the CMP applied to the members of the Umbrella Group that are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

<sup>6</sup> The position expressed in this statement was supported by Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

## II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

### A. Adoption of the rules of procedure

(Agenda item 2 (b))

7. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 1 December, the President recalled that the President of the COP at its thirteenth session had announced that he would inform the COP in the event of any new developments regarding the adoption of the rules of procedure.

8. As there was still no consensus on this matter, and on the proposal of the President, the COP decided that, as at previous sessions, the draft rules of procedure contained in document FCCC/CP/1996/2 should continue to be applied, with the exception of draft rule 42. The President announced that he would report back to the COP in the event of any new developments in this matter.

### B. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (c))

9. For its consideration of this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 1 December, the COP had before it document FCCC/CP/2008/1 and Add.1, which contains the provisional agenda and annotations, as well as a supplementary provisional agenda. The provisional agenda was prepared in agreement with the President of the COP at its thirteenth session, taking into account views expressed by Parties during the twenty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and by members of the Bureau of the COP. The supplementary provisional agenda was issued in response to a request by Kazakhstan to include an item entitled "Information on voluntary quantitative commitments for Kazakhstan for the period of 2008–2012". This item, which was requested after the provisional agenda was issued, has been included in accordance with rule 12 of the draft rules of procedure being applied after clearance by the COP 13 President.

10. The President recalled that at the request of the COP at its thirteenth session,<sup>7</sup> the Executive Secretary had submitted a report to the SBI at its twenty-eighth session on possible ways to address the agenda item "Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention". At that session, the SBI took note of the proposals by the Executive Secretary and recommended that the COP defer its consideration of the item to COP 16, pursuant to rule 13 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, at which time, depending on other developments, the COP may wish to decide how to proceed.<sup>8</sup> On a proposal by the President and on the basis of the recommendation by the SBI, the COP decided to defer consideration of this item to its sixteenth session.

11. Following the proposal of the President, the COP adopted the agenda as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session;
  - (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (d) Election of officers other than the President;
  - (e) Admission of organizations as observers;
  - (f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;

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<sup>7</sup> FCCC/CP/2007/6, paragraph 23.

<sup>8</sup> FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 119.

- (g) Dates and venues of future sessions;
  - (h) Adoption of the report on credentials.
3. 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.
  4. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention.
  5. Review of implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention:
    - (a) Financial mechanism of the Convention;
    - (b) National communications:
      - (i) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
      - (ii) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
    - (c) Development and transfer of technologies;
    - (d) Capacity-building under the Convention;
    - (e) Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention:
      - (i) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10);
      - (ii) Matters relating to the least developed countries;
    - (f) Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies.
  6. Information on voluntary quantitative commitments for Kazakhstan for the period of 2008–2012.
  7. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:
    - (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2006–2007;
    - (b) Budget performance in the biennium 2008–2009.
  8. High-level segment.
  9. Statements by observer organizations.
  10. Other matters.
  11. Conclusion of the session:
    - (a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its fourteenth session;
    - (b) Closure of the session.

[to be completed]

**C. Election of officers other than the President**  
(Agenda item 2 (d))

12. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 1 December, the President informed the COP that Ms. Karen Nicole Smith (Barbados) had undertaken consultations on this matter during the twenty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies. However, nominations had not yet been received from all regional

groups. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to postpone the election of the Bureau until all nominations were finalized. Ms. Smith was invited to continue consultations during the session.

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#### **D. Admission of organizations as observers**

(Agenda item 2 (e))

13. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 1 December, the COP considered a note by the secretariat on the admission of organizations as observers (FCCC/CP/2008/3), listing eight intergovernmental organizations and 106 non-governmental organizations that had asked to be admitted as observers. Pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, and following a recommendation by the Bureau, which had reviewed the list of applicant organizations, the COP decided to admit those organizations as observers.<sup>9</sup>

14. Emphasizing the importance of the involvement of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the Convention process, the President welcomed the organizations newly admitted to the COP at its fourteenth session and invited them to play an active role.

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

(Agenda item 2 (f))

15. In introducing this sub-item at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 1 December, the President drew the attention of the COP to the annotations to the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/CP/2008/1. He noted that the subsidiary bodies would be convened with the aim of developing, before their sessions ended on 10 December, draft decisions and conclusions for submission to the COP.

16. On a proposal by the President, the COP 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

- Item 5 (a) Financial mechanism of the Convention
- Item 5 (b) (i) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
- Item 5 (b) (ii) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
- Item 5 (c) Development and transfer of technologies
- Item 5 (d) Capacity-building under the Convention
- Item 5 (e) (i) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)
- Item 5 (e) (ii) Matters relating to the least developed countries
- Item 7 (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2006–2007
- Item 7 (b) Budget performance in the biennium 2008–2009

##### Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

- Item 5 (c) Development and transfer of technologies
- Item 5 (e) (i) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)

17. Delegates were reminded that the SBI and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice would consider different aspects of sub-items 5 (c) and 5 (e) (i).

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<sup>9</sup> One of the organizations was admitted to the fourteenth session of the COP only.

18. With regard to agenda item 4, “Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention”, the President proposed that the COP request the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), Mr. Luiz Figueiredo Machado (Brazil), to consult delegations informally on the content of a COP decision, and to report to him on the outcome of the consultations by 11 December 2008.

19. The President proposed that the COP elect the new Chair and Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA at its final plenary meeting on 12 December. This would allow the incumbent Chair to report on the work of the AWG-LCA at the beginning of the high-level segment of the session on 11 December.

20. Regarding agenda item 6, “Information on voluntary quantitative commitments for Kazakhstan for the period of 2008–2012”, the President proposed holding informal consultations on the matter and report back to the COP on the outcome of his consultations.

21. With regard to agenda item 8, “High-level segment”, the President recalled that the dates of 11–12 December had been established for the high-level segment. The high-level segment would be convened on the understanding that there would be one speakers’ list and that each Party, including Parties to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, would speak only once. No decisions would be taken in the joint meetings. The President, with the endorsement of the Bureau, proposed a time limit of three minutes for each statement at the high-level segment.

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

**F. Dates and venues of future sessions**

(Agenda item 2 (g))

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 2 (h))

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 3)

[to be completed]

**IV. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action  
under the Convention**

(Agenda item 4)

23. The Chair of the AWG-LCA reported on the work of the group in 2008 and on its work programme for 2009 at the opening of the high-level segment on 11 December.

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**V. Review of implementation of commitments and of other provisions  
of the Convention**

(Agenda item 5)

[to be completed]

## **VI. Information on voluntary quantitative commitments for Kazakhstan for the period of 2008–2012**

(Agenda item 6)

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 7)

[to be completed]

## **VIII. High-level segment**

(Agenda item 8)

24. The joint high-level segment of the COP at its fourteenth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its fourth session was opened by the President of the COP and the CMP at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the COP and the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMP, on 11 December.

### **A. Statements by Heads of State or Government**

25. During the high-level segment, statements were made by the following individuals:

President of Poland                      Mr. Lech Kaczyński

President of Guyana                      Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo

Prime Minister of Tuvalu              Mr. Apisai Ielemia

Prime Minister of Sweden              Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt

### **B. Statements by United Nations officials**

26. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. BAN Ki-moon, made a statement during the high-level segment. The Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC also made a statement.

### **C. Statements by ministers and other heads of delegation**

[to be completed]

## **IX. Statements by observer organizations**

(Agenda item 9)

[to be completed]

## **X. Other matters**

(Agenda item 10)

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## **XI. Conclusion of the session**

(Agenda item 11)

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Annexes

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