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A. Fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

**B. Fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the
Kyoto Protocol**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) expressed its gratitude to the Government of Poland for its generous offer to host the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) in Poznan, Poland. It noted with appreciation the preparations being made by the Government of Poland and the secretariat to convene COP 14 and CMP 4 at the Poznan International Fair premises.
2. The SBI requested the secretariat to take note of the views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 14 and CMP 4.
3. The SBI took note of the proposals by the Executive Secretary, made in response to a request by the COP at its thirteenth session, on possible ways to address the agenda item on the “Second review of the adequacy of Article 4.2 (a) and (b) of the Convention” in the light of developments at that session. The SBI recommended that the COP defer its consideration of the item, pursuant to rule 13 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, to COP 16. At that time, depending on the outcome of Bali Road Map discussions, the COP may wish to decide how to proceed.
4. The SBI noted that the second week of COP 14 and CMP 4 overlaps with the Islamic festival of Eid al-Adha, including an official United Nations holiday, and requested the Bureau to take this matter under consideration with a view to striving to find a suitable solution.

5. The SBI also recommended that national statements be the mode of exchange among ministers and other heads of delegation in the joint meetings of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment.
6. The SBI recommended that the proposed overview of the sessional period contained in document FCCC/SBI/2008/4 should serve as the general basis for planning and organizing COP 14 and CMP 4, and noted that some modifications may be necessary to ensure the smooth functioning of the sessions. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 13 to finalize the details of the arrangements for COP 14 and CMP 4, including arrangements for the high-level segment, in collaboration with the President designate of COP 14 and the secretariat.
7. The SBI encouraged the host country, if it is planning informal ministerial meetings bearing on climate change, to consider holding them well before COP 14 and CMP 4, to allow Parties time to reflect on the results of these meetings, as well as to reduce scheduling conflicts during the sessions.
8. The SBI took note of concerns raised by Parties with regard to time management at COP 14 and CMP 4, and requested the President and the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to continue to develop practices to facilitate the organization of the intergovernmental process and ensure the success of COP 14 and CMP 4.
9. The SBI also took note of the concerns raised by Parties, in particular developing country Parties, with regard to the cost and availability of hotels in Poznan and the possible impact on their effective participation in the conference. The SBI took note of the undertaking by the Government of Poland to seek to address the concerns raised by Parties and to ensure that the arrangements will facilitate an effective series of meetings. The SBI welcomed the offer of the Government of Poland to intensify its efforts to provide further information and assist Parties in securing adequate accommodation in Poznan. The SBI requested the Executive Secretary to keep the matter under review and to provide an update on this matter to the Bureau and to Parties at the third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) and the first part of the sixth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) to be held in Accra, Ghana. The SBI requested the Bureau to finalize this issue, taking into account the report of the Executive Secretary, at these sessions in Accra.

C. Future sessional periods

1. Third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention and the first part of the sixth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol

10. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Ghana for its generous offer to host the third session of the AWG-LCA and the first part of the sixth session of the AWG-KP from Thursday, 21 August to Wednesday, 27 August 2008 at the Accra International Conference Centre in Accra.
11. The SBI took note of information provided by the secretariat on the preparations for the sessions and requested the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Ghana and conclude the necessary legal arrangements by 20 July 2008.
12. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Norway for its generous offer to provide financial support for these sessions.

2. Sessions in 2009

13. The SBI took note of the conclusions of the AWG-LCA, at its second session, on the work programme of the AWG-LCA for 2009.¹
14. The SBI recommended that when scheduling meetings, including workshops and pre-sessional meetings, every effort should be made to avoid three-week blocks.
15. The SBI agreed that meetings in 2009 for which venues have not yet been fixed should, to the extent possible, be held in Bonn, Germany, or cities with major United Nations or international organizations facilities, preferably those which have Permanent Missions, in order to minimize the cost and logistical burden of organizing these meetings and to facilitate participation and coordination by developing country Parties. The SBI also requested the secretariat to seek guidance from the Bureau on venues for its meetings in 2009, in the event that the venues referred to above are not available.
16. The SBI recommended that additional sessional periods in 2009 for which dates have not yet been fixed be scheduled in March/April and August/September, from mid-week to mid-week where possible, in order to reduce the amount of weekend travel time required. The AWG-LCA and the AWG-KP would meet during these sessional periods.
17. The SBI invited Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities to assist with the costs arising from the additional sessions in 2009, including those to be held in Bonn. The SBI also encouraged Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process as soon as possible, in order to ensure the effective participation of delegations from developing country Parties.
18. The SBI also invited the President of the COP and the CMP and the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to explore possible ways to provide greater focus on the Bali Road Map in 2009, such as holding shorter sessions of the SBI and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, and to make proposals through the Bureau as necessary.
19. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Denmark for its generous offer to host COP 15 and CMP 5 at the Bella Center in Copenhagen, Denmark, and for its efforts to prepare for these sessions.

3. Other sessional periods

20. The SBI recommended the dates of 3–14 June and 11–22 November for the sessional periods in 2013 for adoption by the COP at its fourteenth session.
21. The SBI invited Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 16 and CMP 6 (2010), as well as COP 17 and CMP 7 (2011). The SBI noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, and in the light of recent consultations among the groups, the President of COP 16 would come from the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean and the President of COP 17 would come from the African Group.

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/L.4.

22. The SBI encouraged countries hosting future sessions of the COP and CMP, if they are planning informal ministerial meetings bearing on climate change, to consider holding such meetings well before the COP and CMP to allow Parties time to reflect on the results of these meetings, and to reduce scheduling conflicts during the sessions.

23. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Thailand for hosting the first session of the AWG-LCA and the first part of the fifth session of the AWG-KP, and to the Government of Denmark for its generous financial support of these sessions.
