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Item 2 (c) of the provisional agenda  
Organizational matters  
Adoption of the agenda

## Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Executive Secretary

Addendum\*

### Additional information on the arrangements for the session and the high-level segment

#### I. Arrangements for the sessions: overview<sup>1</sup>

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its thirtieth session, considered arrangements for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the fifth session of the CMP. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 14 to finalize the details of the arrangements for COP 15 and CMP 5, including arrangements for the high-level segment, in collaboration with the President designate of COP 15 and CMP 5 and the secretariat.<sup>2</sup>
2. Following consultation with the Bureau, the following further information can be made available on arrangements for COP 15, CMP 5, the thirty-first sessions of the SBI and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), the tenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), and the eighth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA).

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\* This document was submitted after the deadline because it reports the results of the Bureau meeting held on 4 November 2009.

<sup>1</sup> As the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the fifth session of the CMP will be held during the same sessional period, this overview addresses both meetings. For ease of reference for Parties and observers, the text of this overview is also contained in the addendum to the provisional agenda and annotations for CMP 5 (FCCC/KP/CMP/2009/1/Add.1). Further details may be made available on the UNFCCC website.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2009/8, paragraph 106.

3. The opening plenaries of COP 15 and CMP 5 will take place on Monday, 7 December, in the morning. In the afternoon of the same day, the opening plenaries of AWG-KP 10 and AWG-LCA 8 will be held.
4. The SBSTA and the SBI will open their thirty-first sessions on the morning of Tuesday, 8 December. The Chairs, with the assistance of Parties, will seek to streamline the work of the two bodies to the extent possible.
5. The COP and the CMP will convene in plenary on Wednesday, 9 December, to take up items on their agendas that are not referred to the SBSTA and the SBI and to launch work as required.
6. The SBSTA and the SBI will conclude their sessions on Saturday, 12 December. They will finalize as many matters as possible, and transmit their results to the COP or the CMP.
7. The AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA are envisaged to conclude their sessions on Tuesday, 15 December. The two Chairs will then report on the work of the Groups to the CMP and the COP in the morning of Wednesday, 16 December. The Bureau has agreed to keep these arrangements under review throughout the session as flexibility will be required to ensure that work is completed successfully.
8. In anticipation of the high-level segment, which is scheduled to take place from Wednesday, 16 December, to Friday, 18 December, a welcoming event hosted by the Government of Denmark will be held on the evening of Tuesday, 15 December.
9. Joint meetings of the COP and the CMP will be convened on 16 and 17 December to hear national statements. Given the number of Parties and the limited amount of time available for statements, it will be necessary to limit the duration of each statement. The recommended time limit is three minutes. Statements on behalf of groups, where the other members of the group do not speak, are strongly encouraged and additional time will be provided for these. A further joint COP and CMP meeting will be convened in parallel on Thursday, 17 December, in the afternoon to hear statements from observer organizations. The high-level segment will conclude on Friday, 18 December. Separate meetings of the COP and the CMP will be held to adopt decisions and conclusions emerging from the sessions.

## **II. Additional information on the high-level segment**

10. At its meeting on 7 October 2009, the Bureau was informed of remarks made by the Prime Minister of Denmark, Mr. Lars Løkke Rasmussen, at the closing plenary session of the Secretary-General's Summit on Climate Change held on 22 September in New York. The Prime Minister noted that success in Copenhagen will depend critically on the continued engagement of Heads of State and Government. To this end, he stated that as Parties approach a global agreement, Denmark intends to invite all Heads of State and Government to come to Copenhagen and close COP 15 at a summit level.
11. The Government of Denmark has invited Heads of State and Government to Copenhagen to close COP 15 and CMP 5 at the summit level on Friday, 18 December. At this time, Heads of State and Government would receive the results of the negotiations launched by decision 1/CMP.1 and decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan).

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