



**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FURTHER COMMITMENTS
FOR ANNEX I PARTIES UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

Eleventh session

Bonn, 9–11 April 2010

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters

Organization of the work of the session

Scenario note on the eleventh session

Note by the Chair*

I. Introduction

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), at its resumed fourth session, agreed that its main task for 2009 was to forward to the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) the results of its work, with a view to their adoption.¹ The group forwarded these results to the CMP through the report on its tenth session;² however, the CMP could not reach an agreement on further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. By its decision 1/CMP.5, the CMP requested the AWG-KP to deliver the results of its work pursuant to decision 1/CMP.1 for adoption by the CMP at its sixth session.

2. The CMP was not in a position to provide further guidance to the AWG-KP as regards the organization of its work. Following a decision by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth session and the CMP at its fifth session, the eleventh session of the AWG-KP will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 9 to 11 April 2010.

II. Purpose of the session and organizational matters

3. The Chair would like to suggest that the first session of the AWG-KP in 2010 be devoted to further advancing its work and to setting the stage for the remainder of 2010.

* This document was submitted after the due date because there was insufficient time to finalize it before the document deadline.

¹ FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 22 (c).

² FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/17.

4. Arrangements for two plenary meetings have been made. The Chair will invite discussions on the suggestion contained in paragraph 3 above at the opening plenary. In order to facilitate these discussions, the Chair intends to consult informally with Parties prior to the start of the session. Agreement reached on the work plan for 2010 will be incorporated in the conclusions of the session to be adopted during the final plenary.

A. Substantive discussions

5. In December 2009, the AWG-KP completed four years of work, guided by its work programme agreed at its second,³ resumed fourth⁴ and resumed sixth⁵ sessions. In the period 2008–2009, the AWG-KP focused its work on the following issues:

- (a) The scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate and individually;
- (b) Emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms;
- (c) Land use, land-use change and forestry;
- (d) Relevant methodological issues, including global warming potentials, new greenhouse gases and the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*;
- (e) The potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies.

6. The AWG-KP has made progress in advancing work on these issues, which is reflected in the report forwarded to the CMP at its fifth session. To this end, the Chair calls on Parties to give consideration on how best to advance further the issues identified in paragraph 5 above with a view to discussing:

- (a) How to conclude work on all outstanding issues by CMP 6;
- (b) Whether there is a need for any technical work to support the work of the AWG-KP in 2010.

7. In light of the agreement of the AWG-KP at its ninth session to simplify the agenda with a view to focusing the work of the AWG-KP, the Chair proposes to maintain the issues listed in paragraph 5 above under the same single agenda item, namely “Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.”

B. Arrangements for 2010

8. With a view to ensuring that the AWG-KP advances its work in 2010 and forwards the results of its work to the CMP at its sixth session, the Chair will invite Parties to discuss and agree on:

- (a) Modalities for advancing the work;
- (b) The appropriate number of sessions for 2010.

9. As regards the modalities of the work, Parties may remember that the AWG-KP has advanced its work through three contact groups addressing the issues listed in paragraph 5 above. A fourth contact group to address legal matters was also established; however, the group met only once in 2009. Parties

³ FCCC/KP/AWG/2006/4, paragraph 17.

⁴ FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 19.

⁵ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8, paragraphs 41–60.

may wish to reflect on whether this arrangement should continue or whether a different one would be required to conduct business until the end of the year.

10. As regards the number of sessions, the Chairs of the AWG-KP and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention invited Parties to submit their views on the need for additional meeting time of these two bodies, including the possible number of sessions and their duration and timing. Views by Parties on the number of sessions varied between two and six sessions, with each session lasting between five and 10 days.⁶

C. Documentation

11. Progress achieved by the AWG-KP in its discussions is reflected within the documentation to facilitate negotiations among Parties as agreed by the group at its eighth session.⁷ The latest version of this documentation was incorporated into an annex to the report on the tenth session of the AWG-KP, for consideration by the CMP at its fifth session. By its decision 1/CMP.5, the CMP requested the AWG-KP to continue its work drawing on the draft text forwarded as part of its report on its tenth session.

12. Parties may remember that, following a recommendation by the AWG-KP, the documentation was discussed by the CMP at its fifth session; however, progress resulting from this discussion has not been formally documented. Parties may wish to consider whether revised documentation or non-papers incorporating progress on some or all of the issues should be prepared and considered by the AWG-KP at its twelfth session.

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⁶ FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.1–FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.1.

⁷ FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/9, paragraphs 19, 20 and 23.