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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The fourteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) was held at the Tianjin Meijiang Convention and Exhibition Center in Tianjin, China, from 4 to 9 October 2010.

A. Host Government welcoming ceremony

- 2. The opening of the session was preceded by a welcoming ceremony organized by the Government of the People's Republic of China to mark the opening of the twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) and the fourteenth session of the AWG-KP.
- 3. Statements were made by Mr. Dai Bingguo, State Councillor of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Huang Xingguo, Mayor of Tianjin Municipal Government and Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat.

B. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

- 4. The Chair of the AWG-KP, Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), opened the session and welcomed all Parties and observers. He also welcomed Mr. Adrian Macey (New Zealand) as Vice-Chair of the AWG-KP and Mr. Miroslav Spasojevic (Serbia) as Rapporteur.
- 5. The Chair reminded delegates that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), by its decision 1/CMP.5, 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. He highlighted that AWG-KP 14 was the last opportunity for Parties to negotiate any outstanding issues before CMP 6, where the AWG-KP will report to the CMP on the outcomes of the work undertaken by the group.
- 6. Further, the Chair recalled that, as previously agreed, the AWG-KP, at its fourteenth session, would focus its work on the issues identified in paragraph 49 (a) ("Consideration of the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate") and (b) ("Consideration of the contribution of Annex I Parties, individually or jointly, consistent with Article 4 of the Kyoto Protocol, to the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate") of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8. The AWG-KP also agreed to continue to work on the issues identified in paragraph 49 (c) ("Other issues arising from the implementation of the work programme, with due attention to improving the environmental integrity of the Kyoto Protocol") of the same document.
- 7. The Chair reiterated that, as outlined in his scenario note¹, the main objective of the AWG-KP, at its fourteenth session, would be to continue undertaking discussions on the various options contained in the text of the draft proposal by the Chair² with a view to narrowing down these options, and advance the substantive work on all outstanding issues so as to enable the Chair to capture the progress of the negotiations in his subsequent iteration of his proposed text.

¹ FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/13.

² FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.2.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

- 8. At its 1st meeting, on 4 October, the AWG-KP considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/12).
- 9. 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.
 - 3. Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.
 - 4. Other matters.
 - 5. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

- 10. The AWG-KP considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 4 October, and agreed with the Chair's proposal for the organization of the work of the fourteenth session, as outlined in the scenario note.³
- 11. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of 11 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the European Union and its members States, one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), one on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), one on behalf of the least developed countries (LDCs), one on behalf of the Central American Integration System, one on behalf of the Arab Group and one on behalf of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA). In addition, statements were made on behalf of the business and industry non-governmental organizations (BINGOs), local government and municipal authorities, the youth non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the indigenous peoples' organizations and the trade unions (TUNGOs), as well as by two representatives of the environmental (ENGOs).

III. Consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

12. The AWG-KP considered this item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 and 9 October, respectively.

³ FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/13.

- 13. At its 1st meeting, the AWG-KP had before it documents FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/12, FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/13 and FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.6.
- 14. Also at its 1st meeting, the AWG-KP agreed that the contact groups referred to in paragraph 15 below would base their work on the text of the draft proposal by the Chair, contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.2, with a view to narrowing down the options still to be decided upon contained therein.
- 15. To that end, the AWG-KP agreed to establish four contact groups on agenda item 3, addressing:
- (a) The scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate, as well as the contribution of Annex I Parties, individually or jointly, to this scale, to be co-chaired by Mr. Jürgen Lefevere (European Union) and Ms. Janine Coye Felson (Belize). It was agreed that this group would work on the basis of chapter I of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.2;
- (b) Other issues identified in paragraph 49 (c) of the report of the AWG-KP on its resumed sixth session, including the matters relating to the treatment of land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF), emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms, and other methodological issues, to be chaired by the Vice-Chair of the AWG-KP, Mr. Macey. It was agreed that this group would work on the basis of chapters II–IV of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.2. The Vice-Chair of the AWG-KP was assisted by Mr. Marcelo Rocha (Brazil) and Mr. Peter Iversen (Denmark) in conducting informal consultations on the matters relating to the treatment of LULUCF;
- (c) Potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties, to be co-chaired by Mr. Andrew Ure (Australia) and Mr. Eduardo Calvo (Peru). The AWG-KP agreed that this group would work on the basis of chapter V of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.2;
- (d) Legal matters, to be co-chaired by Mr. Gerhard Loibl (Austria) and Mr. Daniel Ortega (Ecuador). It was agreed that this group would consider the parts of the Chair's proposed text relating to the entry into force of any amendments to be adopted by the CMP, as well as those that were not being considered by any of the other groups.
- 16. The Chair reiterated his intention to capture the progress made by Parties at this session in the next iteration of his proposed text (see paras. 20–22 below).
- 17. At the 2nd meeting, the co-chairs of the contact groups and the co-facilitators of the informal consultations, referred to in paragraph 15 above, provided their oral reports to the AWG-KP.
- 18. The Chair reported on the informal plenary he had convened on 8 October 2010 to conduct consultations on the issue of what could constitute a 'balanced package' of decisions for Cancun. He acknowledged the usefulness of the various views submitted by Parties and civil society on this matter. He added that in his view, this informal plenary would also serve as a valuable and constructive input to the work of the incoming Presidency of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) and the sixth session of the CMP (CMP 6).
- 19. During the meeting of the contact group on legal matters the delegation of China requested that it be reflected in the report of the AWG-KP on its fourteenth session that, in its view, the mandate of the AWG-KP, and consequently that of the contact group on legal

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⁴ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8.

matters, was limited to the consideration of further commitments for Annex I Parties pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol and that any discussions in the contact group on legal matters going beyond this scope did not imply a change to that mandate. Some delegations requested that the report also reflect that not all Parties shared this view.

2. Draft proposal by the Chair to facilitate preparations for negotiations

- 20. At its 2nd meeting, the AWG-KP had before it a document issued during the session, namely the draft proposal by the Chair to facilitate preparations for negotiations, contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.3.
- 21. This document encompasses the latest state of progress of the work of the AWG-KP and is intended to serve as the basis for negotiations at the forthcoming sessions of the AWG-KP. The AWG-KP agreed to forward this document as a regular document for consideration at its fifteenth session.
- 22. The Chair invited Parties to submit their views, if any, on his draft proposal to facilitate preparations for negotiations to the secretariat by 31 October 2010. Submissions received will be made available on the UNFCCC website⁵ and compiled into a miscellaneous document.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

- 23. At the 1st meeting of the AWG-KP, on 4 October, the Chair recalled that at AWG-KP 13, in consultation with the Chair of the AWG-LCA, he had invited Ambassador Shin Yeon-Sung (Republic of Korea), in the light of the unavailability of Ambassador Kaire Munionganda Mbuende (Namibia), to continue facilitating informal consultations on a proposal made by Parties to address issues of common concern to the two ad hoc working groups.
- 24. He further recalled Ambassador Shin Yeon-Sung's kind agreement to continue these consultations at AWG-KP 14.
- 25. At the 2nd meeting of the AWG-KP, on 9 October, the Chair informed the plenary that Ambassador Shin Yeon-Sung had reported to him and the Chair of the AWG-LCA that he had met with some negotiating groups in Tianjin, and that this exercise is ongoing. Finally, the Chair added that he would update Parties on this matter as developments occur.

V. Report on the session

(Agenda item 5)

26. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 October, the AWG-KP considered the draft report on its fourteenth session (FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/L.6). At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the AWG-KP authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Chair and with the assistance of the secretariat.

⁵ http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/4752.php.

VI. Closure of the session

- 27. At the 2nd and final meeting, the Chair thanked the Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur for their work during the session. He also thanked delegates for their commitment and dedication with regard to the issues under consideration by the AWG-KP.
- 28. Statements were made by 14 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the European Union and its members States, one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of AOSIS, one on behalf of the EIG, one on behalf of the LDCs, one on behalf of the Arab Group, and one on behalf of the ALBA countries. In addition, statements were made on behalf of BINGOs, local government and municipal authorities, the indigenous peoples' organizations, TUNGOs and ENGOs.
- 29. Finally, the delegation of Mexico, in their capacity as President Designate took the floor to update the AWG-KP on the preparations for COP 16 and CMP 6.
- 30. The Chair then declared the fourteenth session of the AWG-KP closed.

Annex

Documents prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol at its fourteenth session

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/12 Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by

the Executive Secretary

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/13 Scenario note on the fourteenth session. Note

by the Chair

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.6 Views on the Draft Proposal by the Chair.

Submissions from Parties

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/L.6 Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on

Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on its fourteenth session

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.3 Draft proposal by the Chair to facilitate

preparations for negotiations. Conference room

paper

Other documents before the session

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/11 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on

Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on its thirteenth session, held in Bonn from 2 to 6 August 2010

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/CRP.2 Draft Proposal by the Chair

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/3 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on

Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol on its eleventh session, held in Bonn from 9 to 11 April 2010

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/6 Documentation to facilitate negotiations among

Parties. Note by the Chair

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/6/Add.1 Documentation to facilitate negotiations among

Parties. Note by the Chair. Addendum. Proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol pursuant to its Article 3, paragraph 9

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/6/Add.2 Documentation to facilitate negotiations among

Parties. Note by the Chair. Addendum. Land

use, land-use change and forestry

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/6/Add.3 Documentation to facilitate negotiations among

Parties. Note by the Chair. Addendum. Emissions trading and the project based

mechanisms

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/6/Add.4 Documentation to facilitate negotiations among

Parties. Note by the Chair. Addendum. Greenhouse gases, sectors and source categories; common metrics to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks;

and other methodological issues

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/6/Add.5 Documentation to facilitate negotiations among

Parties. Note by the Chair. Addendum. Consideration of information on potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies

available to Annex I Parties

FCCC/KP/CMP/2009/21 and Add.1 Report of the Conference of the Parties serving

as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on its fifth session, held in Copenhagen from 7 to 19 December 2009

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