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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) was held at the Maritim Hotel, Bonn, Germany, from 2 to 6 August 2010.
2. The Chair of the AWG-LCA, Ms. Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe (Zimbabwe), opened the session and welcomed all Parties and observers. She also welcomed Mr. Daniel A. Reifsnyder (United States of America) as Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA and Ms. Teodora Obradovic-Grncarovska (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) as Rapporteur. The Chair further welcomed Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, and congratulated her on her recent appointment to this position.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

3. At its 1st meeting, on 2 August, the AWG-LCA considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/9).
4. 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. Preparation of an outcome to be presented to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its sixteenth session to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012.
 4. Other matters.
 5. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

5. The AWG-LCA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting. It had before it document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/10. The Chair proposed that the AWG-LCA begin by taking up agenda item 3, followed by items 4 and 5.
6. The Chair further proposed that a closing plenary meeting be held on 6 August. She also proposed that additional matters regarding the organization of the work of the session be taken up under agenda item 3. The AWG-LCA agreed to the proposed organization of work.

III. Preparation of an outcome to be presented to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its sixteenth session to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012

(Agenda item 3)

7. The AWG-LCA considered this item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 2 and 6 August, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/8, FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/10 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.5.

8. At the 1st meeting, the Chair invited Parties to present the outcomes of initiatives taken by Parties in the period between the tenth and eleventh sessions of the AWG-LCA that are of direct relevance to the negotiations under the AWG-LCA. Two Parties provided information on recent initiatives. Mr. Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo Verduzco (Mexico) informed delegates of initiatives taken in order to facilitate the work towards the success of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and about the ongoing arrangements for further initiatives.

9. The Chair introduced document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/8, containing the second iteration of the text to facilitate negotiations among Parties,¹ reflecting her sense of how the text could be advanced based on the work undertaken by the AWG-LCA at its tenth session.

10. In introducing this document to delegates, the Chair underlined that all the elements of this text are subject to negotiations among Parties and that a balanced text could be achieved only through such negotiations. The Chair also pointed out that, while the text generally maintained the structure of the outcome of the work of the AWG-LCA as presented to the COP at its fifteenth session, the structure was without prejudice to the form and legal nature of the outcome of the work of the AWG-LCA to be presented to the COP for adoption at its sixteenth session.

11. At the same meeting, the Chair recalled that, at AWG-LCA 10, Mexico, as the incoming Presidency of COP 16, had accepted the Chair's invitation to undertake consultations with Parties on the form and legal nature of the outcome of the work of the AWG-LCA and to continue these consultations at AWG-LCA 11.

12. The AWG-LCA agreed to establish one contact group for its eleventh session, on agenda item 3, chaired by the Chair of the AWG-LCA.

13. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by representatives of 35 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), one on behalf of the least developed countries (LDCs), one on behalf of the European Union and its member States, one on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the Group of Mountainous Landlocked Developing Countries, one on behalf of eight Parties from the Central American Integration System (SICA), one on behalf of five Parties from the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America and one on behalf of six Parties. Statements were also made on behalf of the business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the environmental NGOs, the farmers NGOs, local government and municipal authorities, the youth NGOs and the women and gender NGOs.

¹ Originally contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/6.

14. At the 2nd meeting of the AWG-LCA, on 6 August, two Parties provided the AWG-LCA with information on other initiatives of direct relevance to the negotiations in addition to those referred to in paragraph 8 above.

15. At the same meeting, the Chair thanked the Vice-Chair and the delegates who had supported the work of the contact group referred to in paragraph 12 above by facilitating work on specific paragraphs of document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/8 in informal drafting groups.

16. The Chair also informed delegates that the draft texts resulting from the work of the AWG-LCA at its eleventh session would be compiled without any changes and made available as an official document for consideration by the AWG-LCA at its twelfth session. The Chair further informed delegates of her intention to prepare a note for Parties' consideration, containing an analysis of that document, including suggestions on how to advance negotiations.

17. In addition, the Chair informed Parties of her intention to provide them with a clear presentation of her proposal for the organization of the work during AWG-LCA 12 in the scenario note.

18. The Chair also reported on the results of the consultations undertaken by the Presidency of COP 16, referred to in paragraph 11 above. The Chair informed delegates that these consultations had contributed to better understanding among Parties regarding the form that the outcome at COP 16 might take, and that there was a sense among Parties that the AWG-LCA should work towards a politically balanced set of draft decisions as an outcome to be presented to the COP for adoption at its sixteenth session.

19. The Chair further reported that the Vice-Chair had facilitated consultations involving Parties included in Annex I to the Convention undergoing the process of transition to a market economy and Parties whose special circumstances are recognized by the COP, and that these consultations were to continue at AWG-LCA 12.

20. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of 28 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the LDCs, one on behalf of AOSIS, one on behalf of the European Union and its member States, one on behalf of EIG, one on behalf of the Group of Mountainous Landlocked Developing Countries and one on behalf of eight Parties from SICA.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

21. No other matters were raised or considered.

V. Report on the session

(Agenda item 5)

22. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 August, the AWG-LCA considered and adopted the draft report on its eleventh session.² At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the AWG-LCA authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Chair.

² FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.4.

VI. Closure of the session

23. At the 2nd meeting of the AWG-LCA, on 6 August, a statement was made by the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Ms. Christiana Figueres, informing delegates of the status of funding of the next sessions of the ad hoc working groups. A statement was also made by Mr. Su Wei (China) to provide delegates with an update on the arrangements for the forthcoming sessions of the ad hoc working groups to be held from 4 to 9 October 2010 in Tianjin, China.

Annex

Documents before the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention at its eleventh session

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/8	Text to facilitate negotiations among Parties. Note by the Chair
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/9	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/10	Scenario note on the eleventh session. Note by the Chair
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.5	Ideas and proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.4	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its eleventh session

Other documents before the session

FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/17	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its eighth session, held in Copenhagen from 7 to 15 December 2009
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/7	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its tenth session, held in Bonn from 1 to 11 June 2010
FCCC/CP/2009/11 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its fifteenth session, held in Copenhagen from 7 to 19 December 2009
FCCC/CP/2010/2	Work undertaken by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth session on the basis of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention
