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Agenda item 21(a)

**Conclusion of the session**

**Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session**

**Draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its  
eighteenth session**

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**Part one: Proceedings**

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(To be completed)

## **I. Opening of the session**

(Agenda item 1)

1. The eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), convened pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention, was opened at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha, Qatar, on 26 November 2012 by Ms. Maite Nkoana-Mashabane (South Africa), President of the COP at its seventeenth session.<sup>1</sup> Ms. Nkoana-Mashabane delivered a statement outlining the important steps taken during last year's meeting in Durban, South Africa, as an example of what multilateralism can achieve and thanked all conference participants for the support extended to the South African Presidency.

2. The formal opening included a welcoming film by the Government of Qatar to mark the opening of the eighteenth session of the COP and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP).

## **II. Organizational matters**

(Agenda item 2)

### **A. Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session**

(Agenda item 2(a))

3. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting<sup>2</sup> of the COP, on 26 November, the President of the COP at its seventeenth session, Ms. Nkoana-Mashabane, recalled that, in accordance with rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the office of President of the COP is subject to rotation among the five regional groups. She informed Parties that a nomination had been received from the Asia-Pacific States. Following her proposal, the COP elected by acclamation the Chairman of the Qatar Administrative Control and Transparency Authority, Mr. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, as its President. Ms. Nkoana-Mashabane congratulated Mr. Al-Attiyah on his election and wished him success in guiding the work of the COP at its eighteenth session. A statement was made by the newly elected President followed, upon his invitation, by a statement by the Executive Secretary, Ms. Christiana Figueres.

### **B. Adoption of the rules of procedure**

(Agenda item 2(b))

4. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 26 November, the President recalled that the President of the COP at its seventeenth session had proposed, and Parties had agreed, that she would conduct intersessional consultations on this issue and inform the COP of any developments. As there continued to be no consensus on this matter, the President proposed that, as at previous sessions, the draft rules of procedure contained in document FCCC/CP/1996/2 should continue to be applied, with the exception of draft rule 42. In addition, the President

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<sup>1</sup> The eighteenth session of the COP was held in conjunction with the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP). The proceedings of the CMP are contained in a separate report. The proceedings of the joint meetings of the COP and the CMP convened during the high-level segment of the sessions are reproduced in both reports.

<sup>2</sup> Meetings of the COP referred to in this report are plenary meetings.

proposed to hold informal consultations on this issue and report back to the COP on the outcome of the consultations.

(To be completed)

### **C. Adoption of the agenda**

(Agenda item 2(c))

5. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 26 November, the President drew the attention of the COP to the note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/CP/2012/1). The provisional agenda was prepared in agreement with the President of the COP at its seventeenth session, taking into account views expressed by Parties during the thirty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and after consultation with the Bureau of the COP.

6. The President recalled that item 10, "Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention", was included on the provisional agenda for the session in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

7. The President proposed that the provisional agenda be adopted as contained in document FCCC/CP/2012/1, with the exception of item 10, which, in accordance with recent practice, would be held in abeyance.

8. Following the proposal of the President, the COP adopted the agenda as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session;
  - (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (d) Election of officers other than the President;
  - (e) Admission of organizations as observers;
  - (f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
  - (g) Dates and venues of future sessions;
  - (h) Adoption of the report on credentials.
3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies:
  - (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
  - (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.
4. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention.
5. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action.
6. Consideration of proposals by Parties under Article 17 of the Convention.
7. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15:

- (a) Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention;
  - (b) Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention.
8. Report of the Adaptation Committee.
9. Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism:
- (a) Report on the Technology Executive Committee;
  - (b) Matters relating to the Climate Technology Centre and Network: selection of the host and constitution of the advisory board.
10. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention (*agenda item held in abeyance*).<sup>3</sup>
11. Matters relating to finance:
- (a) Work programme on long-term finance;
  - (b) Report of the Standing Committee;
  - (c) Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund;
  - (d) Arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund;
  - (e) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility;
  - (f) Further guidance to the Least Developed Countries Fund.
12. National communications:
- (a) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
  - (b) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
13. Capacity-building under the Convention.
14. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention:
- (a) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10);
  - (b) Matters relating to the least developed countries.
15. Article 6 of the Convention.
16. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies.
17. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:
- (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2010–2011;
  - (b) Budget performance for the biennium 2012–2013.

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<sup>3</sup> This item was also held in abeyance at COP 17.

18. High-level segment.
19. Statements by observer organizations.
20. Other matters.
21. Conclusion of the session:
  - (a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session;
  - (b) Closure of the session.

#### **D. Election of officers other than the President**

(Agenda item 2(d))

9. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 26 November, the President informed the COP that Mr. Robert F. Van Lierop (Suriname), Vice-President of the COP 17 Bureau, had begun consultations on this matter but that nominations were still pending. The President invited groups and constituencies to submit all outstanding nominations by 6 December. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to postpone the election of the officers of the Bureau until all nominations were finalized. Mr. Van Lierop was invited to continue consultations during the session.

10. The President informed delegates that in accordance with rule 22 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the members of the Bureau will remain in office until their successors are elected.

11. The President extended his thanks to Mr. Mohammed Al-Sabban (Saudi Arabia) for his long-term service on the Bureau and noted his valuable contributions to the UNFCCC process.

(To be completed)

#### **E. Admission of organizations as observers**

(Agenda item 2(e))

12. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 26 November, the COP considered a note by the secretariat on the admission of organizations as observers (FCCC/CP/2012/2/Rev.1 and Add.1), listing six intergovernmental organizations and 79 non-governmental organizations that had asked to be admitted as observers.

13. In accordance with the recommendations of the Bureau, and upon a proposal by the President, the COP admitted the organizations listed in document FCCC/CP/2012/2/Rev.1 and Add.1.

#### **F. Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda item 2(f))

14. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 26 November, the President drew the attention of the COP to the annotations to the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/CP/2012/1. He noted that the subsidiary bodies would be convened with the aim of developing, before their sessions ended on 1 December, draft decisions and conclusions for submission to the COP. He also noted that the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban

Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) would submit the results of their work before the end of the session.

15. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to refer items to the subsidiary bodies for consideration and the submission of appropriate draft decisions or conclusions, as follows:

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

- Item 8 Report of the Adaptation Committee
- Item 9(a) Report of the Technology Executive Committee
- Item 14(a) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)

Subsidiary Body for Implementation

- Item 8 Report of the Adaptation Committee
- Item 9(a) Report of the Technology Executive Committee
- Item 9(b) Matters relating to the Climate Technology Centre and Network: selection of the host and constitution of the advisory board
- Item 11(e) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility
- Item 11(f) Further guidance to the Least Developed Countries Fund
- Item 12(a) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
- Item 12(b) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
- Item 13 Capacity-building under the Convention
- Item 14(a) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)
- Item 14(b) Matters relating to the least developed countries
- Item 15 Article 6 of the Convention
- Item 17(a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2010–2011
- Item 17(b) Budget performance for the biennium 2012–2013

16. Delegates were reminded that the SBI and the SBSTA would consider different aspects of sub-items 8, 9(a) and 14(a).

17. With regard to agenda item 18, “High-level segment”, the President informed delegates that the inauguration of the high-level segment would take place on the afternoon of 4 December, and that statements on behalf of groups of Parties would be heard on 4 December and national statements would be heard on 5 and 6 December. The high-level segment would be convened on the understanding that there would be one speakers’ list and that each Party, including Parties to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, would speak only once. No decisions would be taken in the joint meetings. The President proposed a time limit of three minutes for each statement at the high-level segment. He also noted that statements from senior representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations would be heard on 7 December and that a time limit of two minutes per statement had been set.



18. With regard to agenda item 4, “Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention”, the President recalled that the COP, by its decision 1/CP.17, decided to extend the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) for one year, in order for it to continue its work and reach the agreed outcome pursuant to decision 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan), at which time the AWG-LCA shall be terminated. He informed delegates that the Chair of the AWG-LCA, Mr. Aysar Tayeb (Saudi Arabia), would deliver the report of the working group to the COP at a subsequent meeting and invited Mr. Tayeb to briefly provide information about the organization of work of the AWG-LCA.

19. With regard to agenda item 5, “Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action”, the President recalled that the COP, by its decision 1/CP.17, established the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) and requested it to report to future sessions of the COP on the progress of its work. He informed delegates that the Co-Chairs of the ADP, Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway) and Mr. Jayant Mauskar (India), would deliver the report of the working group to the COP at a subsequent meeting and invited Mr. Dovland to briefly provide information about the organization of work of the ADP.

20. The President recalled the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) regarding the participation of observers in informal sessions<sup>4</sup> and proposed that at least the first and last meeting of informal consultations be opened to observer organizations where appropriate.

21. The COP agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposals made by the President.

22. The President informed delegates that he would convene an informal ministerial round table on 5 December. In addition, the President held regular informal stocktaking meetings during the session.

23. General statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Switzerland (on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG)), Australia (on behalf of the Umbrella Group), Cyprus (on behalf of the European Union and its 27 member States and Croatia), Egypt (on behalf of the Arab Group), El Salvador (on behalf of Argentina, Philippines, India, China, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Pakistan, Dominica, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), El Salvador and Democratic Republic of the Congo), Swaziland (on behalf of the African States), Nauru (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)), Gambia (on behalf of the least developed countries), Colombia (on behalf of Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Panama and Peru), China (on behalf of Brazil, China, India and South Africa), Nicaragua (on behalf of the Central American Integration System), Tajikistan (on behalf of the Group of Mountainous Landlocked Developing Countries), Indonesia (on behalf of the Cartagena Dialogue for Progressive Action), Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations) and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (on behalf of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples’ Trade Treaty).<sup>5</sup>

24. Statements were made by representatives of three non-governmental organization constituencies (environmental non-governmental organizations, women and gender, and youth non-governmental organizations).

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<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 167.

<sup>5</sup> The full webcasts of the plenary sessions are available at <[http://unfccc4.metafusion.com/kongresse/cop18/templ/ovw\\_live.php?id\\_kongressmain=231](http://unfccc4.metafusion.com/kongresse/cop18/templ/ovw_live.php?id_kongressmain=231)>. This URL is temporary and will change upon publication of the final report.

25. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President noted the important work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and invited Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, the Chairman of the IPCC, to address the plenary. Dr. Pachauri drew attention to key findings of the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) and reported on progress made towards the preparation of the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), which will be finalized in 2014. He informed delegates that the AR5 will put greater emphasis on assessing the socioeconomic aspects of climate change and implications for sustainable development, risk management and the framing of a response through both adaptation and mitigation.

(To be completed)

#### **G. Dates and venues of future sessions**

(Agenda item 2(g))

26. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President recalled that the COP, by its decision 19/CP.17, requested the Eastern European States to come forward with offers to host the nineteenth session of the COP and the ninth session of the CMP.

27. At the invitation of the President, the representative of Poland made a statement offering to host COP 19 and CMP 9 in Warsaw, Poland.

28. The President noted that in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 20 and CMP 10 will come from the Latin America and Caribbean States. The President encouraged the Latin American and Caribbean Group to continue its discussions, with a view to endorsing a candidate to host COP 20 and CMP 10 at this session. The President also invited interested Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 21 and CMP 11 and noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation, the President of COP 21 and CMP 11 will come from the Western European and other States.

29. A representative of one Party made a statement.

30. The President proposed that Dr. Ali Al Mulla (Qatar) conduct informal consultations on this agenda sub-item on his behalf, with a view to proposing a draft decision for consideration by the COP at its closing meeting.

(To be completed)

#### **H. Adoption of the report on credentials**

(Agenda item 2(h))

(To be completed)

### **III. Reports of the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda item 3)

#### **A. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice**

(Agenda item 3(a))

(To be completed)

**B. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

(Agenda item 3(b))

(To be completed)

**IV. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention**

(Agenda item 4)

(To be completed)

**V. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action**

(Agenda item 5)

(To be completed)

**VI. Consideration of proposals by Parties under Article 17 of the Convention**

(Agenda item 6)

31. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President referred delegates to documents FCCC/CP/2009/3, FCCC/CP/2009/4, FCCC/CP/2009/5, FCCC/CP/2009/6, FCCC/CP/2009/7 and FCCC/CP/2010/3.

32. In introducing this item, the President noted that six proposals to amend the Convention had been submitted for consideration by the COP (as contained in the documents listed in para. 31 above) and that the COP had considered this agenda item at its fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions.

33. The President opened the floor for statements from Parties, of which there were none.

34. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to keep this agenda item open and return to it at the closing plenary.

(To be completed)

**VII. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15**

(Agenda item 7)

**A. Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention**

(Agenda item 7(a))

35. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President referred delegates to document FCCC/CP/2011/5, containing a proposal from the Russian Federation for an amendment to Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention. The COP considered this proposal at its

seventeenth session and decided to include it as a sub-item on the provisional agenda of COP 18, pursuant to rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

36. The President recalled that the COP was returning to take up this sub-item following discussions held at its seventeenth session. He opened the floor for statements.

37. A representative of one Party made a statement.

38. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to establish a contact group, chaired by Mr. Javier Díaz Carmona (Costa Rica), to consult on this matter.

(To be completed)

## **B. Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention**

(Agenda item 7(b))

39. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President referred delegates to document FCCC/CP/2011/4/Rev.1, containing a proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention. The COP considered this proposal at its seventeenth session and decided to include it as a sub-item on the provisional agenda of COP 18, pursuant to rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

40. The President recalled that the COP was returning to take up this sub-item following discussions held at its seventeenth session. He opened the floor for statements.

41. A representative of one Party made a statement on behalf of Mexico and Papua New Guinea.

42. The President, noting that Mexico needed more time for consultations, proposed that the sub-item be kept open.

(To be completed)

## **VIII. Report of the Adaptation Committee**

(Agenda item 8)

(To be completed)

## **IX. Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism**

(Agenda item 9)

### **A. Report of the Technology Executive Committee**

(Agenda item 9(a))

(To be completed)

**B. Matters relating to the Climate Technology Centre and Network:  
selection of the host and constitution of the advisory board**

(Agenda item 9(b))

(To be completed)

**X. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a)  
and (b), of the Convention<sup>6</sup>**

(Agenda item 10 *held in abeyance*)

**XI. Matters relating to finance**

(Agenda item 11)

**A. Work programme on long-term finance**

(Agenda item 11(a))

43. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the COP had before it document FCCC/CP/2012/3. The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, decided to undertake a work programme on long-term finance in 2012, including workshops, to make progress on long-term finance in the context of decision 1/CP.16.<sup>7</sup> The two co-chairs of the work programme, appointed by the President of COP 17, were requested to prepare a report on the workshops for consideration by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>8</sup>

44. The President informed the COP that the two co-chairs of the work programme, Mr. Georg Børsting (Norway) and Mr. Zaheer Fakir (South Africa), conducted a series of consultations with Parties and relevant international organizations, convened two workshops, used web-based tools to solicit views on long-term finance and prepared a report on the workshops for consideration by the COP at its eighteenth session. He then invited Mr. Børsting and Mr. Fakir to present the report.

45. The co-chairs informed delegates that the work programme was built on the key principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness and that the recommendations included in the report focus on advancing future work in core areas, including the scaling up and mobilization of climate finance, advancing implementation of and improving information on climate-related financing needs in developing countries, tracking public and private financing flows, enhancing enabling environments in developing countries and establishing a regular climate finance forum and a marketplace to bring together public and private stakeholders.

46. The President thanked the co-chairs for their work on this important matter and opened the floor for statements.

47. Representatives of 26 Parties made statements, including one on behalf of the African States, one on behalf of AOSIS, one on behalf of the European Union and its member States and one on behalf of the trade unions non-governmental organizations.

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<sup>6</sup> This item was held in abeyance and, in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, will be considered at COP 19.

<sup>7</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 127.

<sup>8</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 131.

48. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to establish a contact group, co-facilitated by Mr. Greg Andrews (Australia) and Mr. Kamel Djemouai (Algeria), to consider the report.<sup>9</sup>

(To be completed)

## **B. Report of the Standing Committee**

(Agenda item 11(b))

49. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President referred delegates to document FCCC/CP/2012/4.

50. The President recalled that the COP, by decision 1/CP.16, decided to establish a Standing Committee<sup>10</sup> to assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the financial mechanism of the Convention. He further recalled that the roles and functions of the Standing Committee were defined in decision 2/CP.17.<sup>11</sup>

51. He noted that the Standing Committee began its work in 2012, under the leadership of the Chair, Ms. Diann Black Layne (Antigua and Barbuda), and the Vice-Chair, Mr. Stefan Schwager (Switzerland), whom the President invited to report on the progress of work to date.

52. Ms. Black Layne and Mr. Schwager informed delegates that the report of the Standing Committee, contained in the document mentioned in paragraph 49 above, contained recommendations of the Committee to the COP at its eighteenth session, including basic working modalities, a proposed work programme for 2013–2015, elements for the organization of a forum for the communication and exchange of information, steps and milestones for the fifth review of the financial mechanism, and guidance for the operating entities of the financial mechanism.

53. The President thanked the Chair, Vice-Chair and all Standing Committee members for their dedication and hard work. Representatives of six Parties made statements, including one on behalf of AOSIS.

54. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to establish a contact group, co-facilitated by Mr. Andrews and Mr. Djemouai, to consider the report of the Standing Committee.<sup>12</sup>

(To be completed)

## **C. Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund**

(Agenda item 11(c))

55. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the COP had before it document FCCC/CP/2012/5, containing the report of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

56. The President recalled that the COP, by decision 3/CP.17, approved the governing instrument of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and requested the Board of the GCF to submit annual reports to the COP on its activities.<sup>13</sup> He also recalled that, by the same decision, the

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<sup>9</sup> The contact group considered sub-items (a–d) under agenda item 11, “Matters relating to finance”.

<sup>10</sup> Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 112.

<sup>11</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 120–125 and annex VI.

<sup>12</sup> The contact group considered sub-items (a–d) under agenda item 11, “Matters relating to finance”.

<sup>13</sup> Decision 3/CP.17, paragraph 2.

COP requested the Board to decide on a country to host the GCF, for endorsement by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>14</sup>

57. The President invited Mr. Fakir and Mr. Ewen McDonald (Australia), the Co-Chairs of the Board of the GCF, to report on the progress of work to date.

58. Mr. Fakir and Mr. McDonald informed delegates that the report referred to in paragraph 55 above covers the activities undertaken by the Board between December 2011 and November 2012, including a key decision to select Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea, as the host city of the GCF. The Board also agreed on 15 priority areas of work and informed the COP that the interim secretariat will be recruiting staff up to the end of December 2013 in accordance with the budget of the GCF and subject to the availability of resources.

59. They also informed delegates that the World Bank had formally accepted an invitation to serve as interim trustee and established a Financial Intermediary Fund for the GCF in April 2012. The Board approved an administrative budget for the GCF for the period to 31 December 2013, and contributions from countries for the administrative operations of the GCF have been, and continue to be, received.

60. The President thanked the Co-Chairs and all members of the Board for the progress to date. The President also thanked the Parties that offered to host the GCF, namely Germany, Mexico, Namibia, Switzerland, Poland and the Republic of Korea. He offered his congratulations to the Republic of Korea for being chosen as the host of the GCF.

61. Representative of 11 Parties made statements, including one on behalf of the African States, one on behalf of AOSIS and one on behalf of Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica and Peru.

62. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to establish a contact group, co-facilitated by Mr. Andrews and Mr. Djemouai, to consider the report of the GCF and the arrangements to be concluded.<sup>15</sup>

(To be completed)

#### **D. Arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund**

(Agenda item 11(d))

63. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the COP had before it document FCCC/CP/2012/5, containing the report of the GCF.

64. The President recalled that the COP, by decision 3/CP.17, decided to designate the GCF as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention, with arrangements to be concluded between the COP and the GCF at the eighteenth session of the COP to ensure that it is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the COP to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing country Parties.

65. A representative of one Party made a statement.

66. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to establish a contact group, co-facilitated by Mr. Andrews and Mr. Djemouai, to consider the report of the GCF and the arrangements to be concluded.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Decision 3/CP.17, paragraph 13.

<sup>15</sup> The contact group considered sub-items (a–d) under agenda item 11, “Matters relating to finance”.

<sup>16</sup> The contact group considered sub-items (a–d) under agenda item 11, “Matters relating to finance”.

(To be completed)

**E. Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility**

(Agenda item 11(e))

(To be completed)

**F. Further guidance to the Least Developed Countries Fund**

(Agenda item 11(f))

(To be completed)

**XII. National communications**

(Agenda item 12)

**A. National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

(Agenda item 12(a))

(To be completed)

**B. National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

(Agenda item 12(b))

(To be completed)

**XIII. Capacity-building under the Convention**

(Agenda item 13)

(To be completed)

**XIV. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention**

(Agenda item 14)

**A. Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)**

(Agenda item 14(a))

(To be completed)



**B. Matters relating to the least developed countries**

(Agenda item 14(b))

(To be completed)

**XV. Article 6 of the Convention**

(Agenda item 15)

(To be completed)

**XVI. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies**

(Agenda item 16)

(To be completed)

**XVII. Administrative, financial and institutional matters**

(Agenda item 17)

**A. Audited financial statements for the biennium 2010–2011**

(Agenda item 17(a))

(To be completed)

**B. Budget performance for the biennium 2012–2013**

(Agenda item 17(b))

(To be completed)

**XVIII. High-level segment**

(Agenda item 18)

**A. Welcoming ceremony and opening of the high-level segment**

67. A welcoming ceremony, attended by the Emir of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Emir of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah IV Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. BAN Ki-moon, the President of the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. Vuk Jeremić, the President of COP 18 and CMP 8, Mr. Al-Attiyah, the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Ms. Figueres, and other dignitaries, was held on 4 December.

68. The joint high-level segment of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its eighteenth session and the CMP at its eighth session was opened by the President of the COP and the CMP at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings of the COP and the CMP, on 4 December.

**B. Statements by Parties**

(To be completed)

**C. Statements by United Nations officials**

(To be completed)

**XIX. Statements by observer organizations**

(Agenda item 19)

(To be completed)

**XX. Other matters**

(Agenda item 20)

69. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 28 November, the President opened this agenda item.

70. The European Union on behalf of its 27 member States and Croatia made a proposal on enhancing women representation in the UNFCCC.

71. Representatives of 14 Parties made statements in support of the proposal, including one on behalf of the African States and one on behalf of the EIG.

72. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to refer the matter on enhancing women representation in the UNFCCC process to the SBI for its consideration, with a request that it report back to the COP at its closing plenary.

**XXI. Conclusion of the session**

(Agenda item 21)

**A. Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session**

(Agenda item 21(a))

(To be completed)

**B. Closure of the session**

(Agenda item 21(b))

(To be completed)

**Annexes**

(To be completed)

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