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PART TWO: ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS TENTH SESSION

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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as the Conference), convened pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention, was opened at La Rural, Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 6 December 2004, by Mr. Mamadou Honadia of Burkina Faso, Vice-President of the Conference at its ninth session, on behalf of the President of the Conference at its ninth session, Mr. Miklós Persányi, Minister of Environment and Water of Hungary.

A. Statement by the President of the Conference at its ninth session (Agenda item 1 (a))

2. The item was not taken up.

B. Election of the President of the Conference at its tenth session (Agenda item 1 (b))

3. At its 1st meeting,¹ on 6 December, on the proposal of the presiding officer, the Conference elected by acclamation Mr. Ginés González García, Minister of Health and Environment of Argentina, as its President. The presiding officer congratulated Mr. González García on his election and wished him every success in guiding the work of the Conference at its tenth session.

C. Statement by the President

(Agenda item 1 (c))

4. On assuming office, the President welcomed all delegates on behalf of the Argentine Government and thanked them for the confidence placed in him. Emphasizing the Argentine Government's strong commitment to play an active role in the development of environmental policies, he stressed the importance that Argentina attached to hosting the Conference of the Parties for the second time in the history of the climate change process.

5. On the eve of the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol, the conference constituted an historic event marking the closure of a long series of negotiations. At the same time, it was the beginning of a new phase which should be devoted to redoubling mitigation efforts. Although the Kyoto Protocol had now become a political reality, it was essential that Parties did not waver in their determination but intensified their efforts to combat climate change. The increased frequency of violent weather events, as recorded in Argentina and elsewhere in the world, showed clearly that global warming was beginning to take its toll. In addition to the direct impacts on ecosystems and human health, Argentina was facing numerous secondary effects, such as increased incidences of certain diseases, which, in turn, placed a serious burden on the health care system and the country's ongoing efforts to improve living conditions for society's most vulnerable groups.

6. For the coming years and decades it was important both to intensify measures to mitigate climate change and to help countries adapt to its consequences. It was the responsibility of developed countries to take the lead in mobilizing the resources necessary to ensure that such measures could be developed and implemented as quickly as possible. Those efforts needed to be part of a climate regime which made use of creative technologies and business solutions to reconcile economic growth and prosperity with sustainable development. One of the important tasks of governments in this process was to provide information to civil society and the business sector on the consequences of unsustainable practices and the

¹ Meetings of the Conference of the Parties referred to in this report are plenary meetings.

advantages of available alternatives. Argentina had already taken measures in this regard and was seeking to actively engage society in addressing the challenges ahead. In conclusion, the President expressed his confidence that the tenth session of the Conference would lead to a strengthening of Parties' commitments to combat climate change.

D. Addresses of welcome

(Agenda item 1 (d))

7. Mr. Aníbal Ibarra, the Governor of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, extended a warm welcome to all participants and said the city was proud to host an event of such significance. Tackling the problem of climate change and developing sustainable environmental policies was an immense task which required perseverance, considerable economic and human resources, new technologies and, most of all, a strong political will and commitment by all countries. More particularly, it called for policy decisions by developed countries, not only because they were major emitters of greenhouse gases but also because they were important actors in the international political arena.

8. At the same time, it was imperative that the urgency of the problem of climate change was communicated to civil society. For the fight against global warming and its consequences to be effective, each and every citizen had to understand that it was an issue which affected them directly and that their active collaboration and commitment was essential. In this context, the Governor emphasized the central role that cities play in raising public awareness. He reassured delegates that the City of Buenos Aires, together with many other cities in the world, was committed to take whatever measure was necessary to involve citizens in the struggle against climate change and to support national policies at a local level.

E. Statement by the Executive Secretary

(Agenda item 1 (e))

9. The Executive Secretary welcomed all delegates and extended her thanks to the Government of Argentina for once again hosting the Conference of the Parties. She also congratulated Mr. González García on his election as President and thanked Mr. Persányi for his able presidency of the ninth session, which had produced solid results.

10. The tenth session provided the occasion to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention, and the imminent entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol following its ratification by the Russian Federation. Presenting the President with a publication to mark the Convention's anniversary, the Executive Secretary summarized some of the highlights of the past decade. Annual greenhouse gas emissions in developed countries had fallen below 1990 levels, and the emissions intensity of economies had decreased globally. At the same time, mitigation and adaptation strategies were being implemented, climate-friendly technologies were being developed and used more widely, developing countries were starting to incorporate climate change considerations into their national policies, and public awareness, support and action were increasing. The entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol now made it possible to take concrete first steps for meeting the long-term challenge of climate change. More than 30 industrialized countries would be legally bound to meet emissions targets, and international emissions trading would become a reality. With the clean development mechanism in place and fully operational, the first project had now been registered, and the Protocol's Adaptation Fund was expected to receive funds to assist developing countries in their adaptation efforts. In this context, the Executive Secretary emphasized the importance of developing effective approaches to international cooperation on adaptation and of national measures to identify and reduce vulnerability and risk. Support to developing countries in this regard had to become more concrete.

11. Expressing her grave concern over the growing strain on the Convention's financial resources and its potential consequences for the work of the secretariat, she expressed her confidence that delegates

would seriously consider the issue and develop solutions. She also encouraged Parties to increase support to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process. Looking ahead, the Executive Secretary said that in 2005 Parties had to grasp the nettle of designing a climate strategy for the period after 2012. In this endeavour, those countries with the capacity should be in the lead and those being able to provide the resources should assist in accordance with the Convention's principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

F. Other statements

12. At the 1st meeting, on 6 December, statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Netherlands (on behalf of the European Community and its member States and supported by three other Parties), the United States of America, Japan, Tuvalu (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Switzerland (on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Tanzania (on behalf of the least developed countries), the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Gambia, Nigeria, Comoros, and Saudi Arabia. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 December, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Mali.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Status of ratification of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 2 (a))

13. At its 1st meeting, on 6 December, the Conference was informed that, as at that date, 189 States and one regional economic integration organization were Parties to the Convention, and therefore eligible to participate in decision-making at the session.

14. The Conference took note that, as at 6 December, a total of 129 States had ratified, acceded to, approved or accepted the Kyoto Protocol. In this context, the President announced that on 18 November, with the deposit by the Russian Federation of its instrument of ratification of the Kyoto Protocol, the second trigger for entry into force of the Protocol was achieved. In accordance with the provisions of its Article 25, the Kyoto Protocol will therefore enter into force on 16 February 2005.

15. Also under this sub-item, the secretariat introduced a new document, FCCC/CP/2004/9, which seeks to respond to questions which have been raised by Parties concerning arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 1), budgetary issues, and reporting and review requirements.

B. Adoption of the rules of procedure (Agenda item 2 (b))

16. At the 1st meeting, on 6 December, the President informed the Conference that the President of the Conference at its ninth session had undertaken consultations with Parties on the draft rules of procedure but that no consensus had been reached.

17. On the proposal of the President, the Conference decided that, in the meantime, as at previous sessions, the draft rules of procedure as contained in document FCCC/CP/1996/2 should continue to be applied, with the exception of draft rule 42. The President announced that he would report back to the Conference in the event of any new developments in this matter.

C. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (c))

18. For its consideration of this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 6 December, the Conference had before it a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/CP/2004/1 and Add.1). The provisional agenda had been prepared in agreement with the President of the Conference at its ninth session, taking into account views expressed by Parties during the twentieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and by members of the Bureau.

19. The President recalled that the following items, which had been held in abeyance at the ninth session, were included in the provisional agenda in accordance with rules 10 (c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied: Item 5, "Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention"; item 6 (a), "Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol"; and item 6 (b) "Proposal by Canada for a decision on modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol in relation to cleaner energy exports".

20. On items 5 and 6 (a), statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Netherlands (on behalf of the European Community and its member States); and Saudi Arabia. Noting that there was no consensus on the inclusion of these items in the agenda, the President proposed that they be held in abeyance.

21. On item 6 (b), the representative of Canada announced that, as a gesture of goodwill and out of respect for Parties' collective efforts, the Government of Canada was prepared to withdraw its request to include the item in the agenda. The President thanked Canada for its offer to withdraw its request, in spite of the fact that Canada's unique national circumstances remained unchanged. He emphasized that such a cooperative approach was extremely important and held out promise for success and renewed vigour for the negotiation process.

22. The representative of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) proposed to add a new sub-item (f) under item 6 of the provisional agenda. The title proposed for the new sub-item 6 (f) was "The provisional agenda for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol". Noting that there was no consensus on this matter, the President proposed that the item suggested by the representative of Qatar be taken up by the SBI at its twenty-second session (May 2005).

23. In connection with item 8 of the provisional agenda, the representative of the United States of America requested that sub-items 8 (a) and (b) not be included in the agenda, and that the wording of sub-item 8 (c) be amended. Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Tuvalu (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Netherlands (on behalf of the European Community and its member States), Mauritius, and Qatar. Noting that there was no consensus on this matter, the President proposed that item 8 of the provisional agenda be held in abeyance and that the Conference return to the matter at its 2nd meeting.

24. In agreement with the proposals made by the President, the Conference, at its 1^{st} meeting, adopted the agenda of the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties with items 5, 6 (a) and 8 held in abeyance, and item 6 (b) of the provisional agenda removed.

25. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 December, the President reported to the Conference that discussions on item 8 of the provisional agenda had continued and that Parties had reached a consensus on a formulation for that item. The consensus formulation read as follows: Item 8, "Exchange of views on UNFCCC activities relevant to other intergovernmental meetings"; sub-item 8 (a), "International meeting for the 10-year review of implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action"; sub-item 8 (b), "World Conference on Disaster Reduction"; sub-item 8 (c), "Fourteenth session of the Commission on

Sustainable Development (CSD 14)". The entire agenda item would be accompanied by a footnote reading as follows: "The exchange of views will be reflected in the report of the Conference on its tenth session and serve to assist the Executive Secretary in reporting to the meetings referred to in this agenda item". The Conference agreed that item 8 and its sub-items would be added to the agenda accordingly. The agenda adopted by the Conference thus read as follows:

- 1. Opening of the session:
 - (a) Statement by the President of the Conference at its ninth session
 - (b) Election of the President of the Conference at its tenth session
 - (c) Statement by the President
 - (d) Addresses of welcome
 - (e) Statement by the Executive Secretary
- 2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Status of ratification of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol
 - (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) Date and venue of the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties
 - (h) Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies, 2005–2009
 - (i) Adoption of the report on credentials
- 3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies and decisions and conclusions arising therefrom:
 - (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
 - (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation
- 4. Review of implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention:
 - (a) Financial mechanism of the Convention
 - (b) National communications
 - (i) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
 - (ii) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
 - (c) Capacity-building
 - (d) Development and transfer of technologies
 - (e) Implementation of Article 4, paragraph 8, of the Convention
 - (f) Matters relating to the least developed countries
 - (g) Issues relating to land use, land-use change and forestry
 - (h) Article 6 of the Convention
 - (i) Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies
- 5. *Agenda item held in abeyance*
- 6. Preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol:
 - (a) *Agenda item held in abeyance*

- (b) Matters relating to Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol: preparatory work
- (c) Issues relating to land use, land-use change and forestry
- (d) Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies
- 7. Report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism
- 8. Exchange of views on UNFCCC activities relevant to other intergovernmental meetings:²
 - (a) International meeting for the 10-year review of implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action
 - (b) World Conference on Disaster Reduction
 - (c) Fourteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 14)
- 9. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2002–2003
 - (b) Budget performance in the biennium 2004–2005
 - (c) Procedure for the appointment of an Executive Secretary
- 10. High-level segment: the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention
- 11. Statements by observer organizations
- 12. Other matters
- 13. Conclusion of the session:
 - (a) Adoption of the report of the Conference on its tenth session
 - (b) Closure of the session.

[to be completed]

D. Election of officers other than the President

(Agenda item 2 (d))

26. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 December, the President informed the Conference that Mr. Mamadou Honadia (Burkina Faso), Vice-President of the Conference at its ninth session, had undertaken consultations on that item during the twentieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies held in June 2004. However, nominations had not yet been received from all regional groups. The President encouraged all Parties concerned to reach agreement on all outstanding Bureau posts in time for the high-level segment, to be held from 15 to 17 December. On the proposal of the President, the Conference decided to postpone the election of the Bureau until all nominations were finalized. Mr. Honadia was invited to continue consultations during the session.

[to be completed]

E. Admission of organizations as observers

(Agenda item 2 (e))

27. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 December, the Conference considered a note by the secretariat on the admission of organizations as observers (FCCC/CP/2004/3 and Add.1), listing two intergovernmental organizations and 48 non-governmental organizations that had asked to be admitted as observers.

² The exchange of views will be reflected in the report of the Conference on its tenth session and serve to assist the Executive Secretary in reporting to the meetings referred to in this agenda item.

Pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, and following a recommendation by the Bureau of the Conference, which had reviewed the list of applicant organizations, the Conference decided to admit those organizations as observers.

28. Emphasizing the importance of the involvement of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the Convention process, the President welcomed the newly admitted organizations to the Conference at its tenth session and invited them to play an active role.

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

(Agenda item 2 (f))

29. In introducing this sub-item at the 2^{nd} meeting, on 6 December, the President drew the attention of the Conference to the provisional agenda and annotations contained in document FCCC/CP/2004/1 and Add.1. He noted that the subsidiary bodies would be convened after the opening meeting with the aim of developing, before their sessions ended on 14 December, draft decisions and conclusions for submission to the Conference.

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

Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)

- Item 4 (a) Financial mechanism of the Convention
- Item 4 (b)(i) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
- Item 4 (b)(ii) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
- Item 4 (c) Capacity-building
- Item 4 (e) Implementation of Article 4, paragraph 8, of the Convention
- Item 4 (f) Matters relating to the least developed countries
- Item 4 (h) Article 6 of the Convention
- Item 9 (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2002–2003
- Item 9 (b) Budget performance in the biennium 2004–2005

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

Item 4 (d) Development and transfer of technologies

Item 4 (g) Issues relating to land use, land-use change and forestry (Convention)

Item 6 (c) Issues relating to land use, land-use change and forestry (Kyoto Protocol)

31. The President announced that, at the 3^{rd} meeting, scheduled for 8 December, the Conference would take up agenda item 6 (b), "Matters relating to Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol: preparatory work"; item 7, "Report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism"; and item 8, "Exchange of views on UNFCCC activities relevant to other intergovernmental meetings".

32. On agenda item 2 (g), "Date and venue of the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties", the President noted that no offers had been received and encouraged interested Parties to come forward with proposals. He proposed to undertake consultations on this item and to report back to a future meeting.

33. With regard to agenda item 10, "High-level segment: the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention", the President recalled that the SBI, at its twentieth session, had endorsed the dates of 15 to 17 December for the high-level segment. On the basis of this endorsement, panel discussions had been scheduled to begin in the afternoon of 15 December and to conclude in the afternoon of 16 December. There would be four separate panels, which would be open to participation by all ministers and heads of delegation.

34. The four panel discussions would focus on the following topics:

- (a) The Convention after 10 years: accomplishments and future challenges
- (b) Impacts of climate change, adaptation measures and sustainable development
- (c) Technology and climate change
- (d) Mitigation of climate change: policies and their impacts

35. The President further detailed that, for each panel, he had invited a moderator to lead the discussion, and six panel members. In accordance with the recommendations of the SBI, he had sought a balanced representation among panel members, taking into account geographical representation and diversity of points of view. The moderators would report back to the Conference during the morning meeting on Friday, 17 December. Based on their reports, he would issue, under his responsibility, a summary of all the panel discussions for inclusion in the report of the Conference. That summary would not be agreed text.

36. The President announced that at its last meeting, on 17 December, the Conference would hear brief statements by representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and would adopt decisions and conclusions for the session.

37. The Conference agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposals made by the President.

G. Date and venue of the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties (Agenda item 2 (g))

[to be completed]

H. Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies, 2005–2009 (Agenda item 2 (h))

[to be completed]

I. Adoption of the report on credentials (Agenda item 2 (i))

[to be completed]

III. Reports of the subsidiary bodies and decisions and conclusions arising therefrom

(Agenda item 3)

[to be completed]

IV. Review of implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention

(Agenda item 4)

[to be completed]

V. [to be completed] (Agenda item 5)

VI. Preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 6)

A. [to be completed] (Agenda item 6 (a))

B. Matters relating to Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol: preparatory work

(Agenda item 6 (b))

38. At the 3rd meeting, on 8 December, the President recalled that, in response to decision 16/CP.7, the secretariat had convened the "UNFCCC workshop on the implementation of Article 6 projects under the Kyoto Protocol" in Moscow, Russian Federation, on 26 and 27 May 2004. On the invitation of the President, the secretariat introduced the item and the report of the workshop contained in document FCCC/CP/2004/7.

39. Statements were made by the representatives of four Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and supported by two other Parties. A statement was also made by a representative of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations.

40. Having heard the statements, the President reminded delegates that, in view of the impending entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol, the issue discussed under this sub-item took on a new importance and that contributions to the UNFCCC Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities were needed in order for the preparatory work to continue and to complement resources for that work provided from the Kyoto Protocol Interim Allocation. He also drew the attention of Parties to the need for nominations to the Article 6 Supervisory Committee with a view to electing its members and alternate members at COP/MOP 1. He said that he intended to propose draft conclusions reflecting those points for consideration by the Conference at a future meeting.

[to be completed]

C. Issues relating to land use, land-use change and forestry (Agenda item 6 (c))

[to be completed]

D. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies (Agenda item 6 (d))

[to be completed]

VII. Report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism

(Agenda item 7)

41. For its consideration of this item at its 3rd meeting, on 8 December, the Conference had before it document FCCC/CP/2004/2 and Add.1 containing the annual report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) covering work undertaken from November 2003 to December 2004.

42. The President recalled that the CDM is a unique mechanism for global collaboration which seeks to mitigate climate change while principally delivering sustainable development to developing countries that host CDM projects. The CDM is an innovative way of involving the private sector in climate change mitigation and development finance.

43. The President further reminded delegates that the Conference at its seventh session had elected the CDM Executive Board, which was functioning under its authority. In accordance with this decision, the Executive Board shall, until the entry into force of the Protocol, report on its activities to each session of the Conference and the Conference shall review the annual reports of the Executive Board. He noted that the Board, which operated under rules of procedure adopted by the Conference at its eighth session, had carried out an enormous work programme and would report to this session of the Conference on its achievements over the past year.

44. The Chair of the Executive Board, Mr. John Kilani, presented his report.

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45. Following the report by the Chair of the Executive Board, statements were made by the representatives of 18 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. Statements were also made by a representative of the International Emissions Trading Association on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations; the Climate Action Network International; and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives-Local Governments for Sustainability on behalf of local governments.

46. Having heard the statements, the President said that the CDM had been a collective learning process of great mutual benefit to all parties involved and that the suggestions made in the interventions were highly appreciated. More particularly, he expressed his appreciation that Parties recognized the need for additional resources over and above those available under the Kyoto Protocol Interim Allocation. In conclusion, the President stated that a decision would need to be adopted by the Conference at this session with the aim of acknowledging the work done and guiding future activities. The Conference, on the proposal of the President, decided to establish a contact group on that agenda item to be chaired by Mr. Raúl Estrada-Oyuela (Argentina). The group was to conclude its discussions before the high-level event.

47. In conclusion, the President reminded delegates that several members and alternate members of the Executive Board needed to be elected or re-elected by the Conference. Mr. Mamadou Honadia would be undertaking consultations on that matter and was looking forward to receiving nominations from those constituencies that had not already made their nominations.

[to be completed]

VIII. Exchange of views on UNFCCC activities relevant to other intergovernmental meetings

(Agenda item 8)

A. International meeting for the 10-year review of implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action (Agenda item 8 (a))

B. World Conference on Disaster Reduction (Agenda item 8 (b))

C. Fourteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 14) (Agenda item 8 (c))

48. In introducing this item at the 3^{rd} meeting, on 8 December, the President recalled that the Conference had agreed to reformulate the title of this item. The item and its sub-items would be taken up

together. Following a brief introduction of the item by the secretariat, the President invited statements from delegations.

49. Statements were made by the representatives of 15 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, and one on behalf of the European Community and its member States and supported by two other Parties. A statement was also made by a representative of the Climate Action Network International.

50. Noting that he intended to take the views of Parties into account, the President proposed to establish a contact group with the aim of reaching conclusions on this agenda item before the beginning of the high-level segment. He said he intended to keep the time spent by the group on this item to a minimum.

IX. Administrative and financial matters

(Agenda item 9)

[to be completed]

X. High-level segment: the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention

(Agenda item 10)

[to be completed]

XI. Statements by observer organizations

(Agenda item 11)

[to be completed]

XII. Other matters

(Agenda item 12)

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XIII. Conclusion of the session

(Agenda item 13)

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PART TWO: ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS TENTH SESSION

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