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FOR ANNEX I PARTIES UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

Review of work programme, methods of work and schedule of future sessions

Views on the timetable to guide the completion of work

Submissions from Parties

1. The Group of 77 and China, by its communication dated 18 May 2007, submitted views on a timetable to guide the completion of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.
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SUBMISSION FROM THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA

Proposed timetable/schedule to guide the completion of the AWG work in order to avoid a gap between the first and second commitment periods

The focus of the work of the AWG is to set further quantified emission reduction commitments for Annex I Parties for subsequent commitment periods through the amendment of Annex B of the Protocol, in accordance with the Article 3.9 mandate.

In order to make real progress in setting further and more ambitious commitments for Annex I Parties, the AWG work needs to be based on sound scientific information to support the setting of future commitments that will truly contribute to the stabilisation of GHG emissions in the shortest timeframe possible. However, the precautionary approach is clear – lack of scientific certainty cannot be an excuse for inaction.

In the process, one of the desired outcomes of the AWG is to send clear and early signals to the market and investors on the future of the carbon market and Kyoto flexible mechanisms beyond the end of the first commitment period in 2012.

The G77 & China stresses that the clearest market signal that can be given at this point in the process is to set a clear end date for the completion of this work, which is linked to a clear, step-wise work plan with a concrete timetable for setting further and deeper quantified emission reduction commitments for Annex I Parties.

In order to achieve this objective the AWG, at its second session, set up a 5 phase work programme structured in the following manner:

- Phase 1: Analysis of the potential of Annex 1 Parties to mitigate GHG emissions
- Phase 2: Establish, based on the analysis of potentials, a full range of indicative commitment levels for Annex 1 Parties to realise the maximum emission reduction potentials
- Phase 3: Outline and analyse the ‘tool-box’: means, tools, technologies, policies and measures to achieve these potential commitments
- Phase 4: Set Annex 1 Party quantified emission reduction commitments for the 2nd commitment period; draft and adopt amendments to Annex B and related amendments to complete the work of the AWG.
- Phase 5: Adoption of amendments to Annexe B

At its 3rd session the AWG agreed to, at its resumed 4th session, to “develop a timetable/schedule to guide the completion of its work in order to avoid a gap between the first and second commitment periods”. The table below outlines the G77 and China proposal for this schedule.

G77 & China proposal for the AWG work plan		
Phase	Activity	Timetable
1	Analysis of the potential of Annex 1 Parties to mitigate GHG emissions	AWG 3 (May 07) & 1 st part of AWG 4 (Aug 07)
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish, based on the analysis of potentials, a full range of indicative commitment levels for Annex 1 Parties to realise the maximum emission reduction potentials 	Resumed AWG 4 (Dec 07)
3	Outline and analyse the means, tools, technologies, policies and measures to achieve these potential commitments	AWG 5 (May 08)
4	Set Annex 1 Party quantified emission reduction commitments for the 2 nd commitment period; draft and adopt amendments to Annex B and related amendments to complete the work of the AWG.	AWG 6 (Dec 08)
5	AWG adoption of Annex B and related amendments	AWG 7 (May 09)
	COP/MOP adoption of Annex B and related amendments	CMP 4 (Dec 09)
