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# Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its ninth session, held in Bonn from 9 to 11 April 2010

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# I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

- 1. The ninth 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 9 to 11 April 2010.
- 2. The Chair of the AWG-LCA, Ms. Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe (Zimbabwe), opened the session and welcomed all Parties and observers.

# II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

#### A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

- 3. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 9 April, the AWG-LCA considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/1).
- 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. Organization and methods of work in 2010.
  - 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 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. It had before it document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/2.
- 6. The Chair proposed that the AWG-LCA begin by taking up item 4 of the agenda followed by items 3 and 5. The AWG-LCA agreed to the proposed organization of work.

# III. Organization and methods of work in 2010

(Agenda item 3)

# 1. Proceedings

- 7. The AWG-LCA considered this item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings, on 9 and 11 April, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/17, FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/2, FCCC/CP/2009/11 and Add.1, and FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.1–FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.1.
- 8. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Chair recalled that the Conference of the Parties (COP), by its decision 1/CP.15, extended the mandate of the AWG-LCA to enable it to continue its work with a view to presenting the outcome of its work to the COP for adoption at its sixteenth session. The Chair

recalled that the COP also requested the AWG-LCA to continue its work drawing on the report of the AWG-LCA presented to the COP at its fifteenth session, as well as the work undertaken by the COP on the basis of that report.

- 9. The Chair further recalled that the COP, by its decision 2/CP.15, took note of the Copenhagen Accord.
- 10. At the same meeting, the Chair informed Parties that the submissions received in response to her invitation to Parties to submit views on how to best advance the work of the AWG-LCA in 2010 and to her invitation sent jointly with the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) to Parties for their views on the need for additional meeting time for the Ad Hoc Working Groups in 2010 had been compiled in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.1–FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.1.
- 11. The Chair drew delegates' attention to the informal note<sup>1</sup> containing possible elements for draft conclusions on the organization and methods of work of the AWG-LCA in 2010 prepared by the Chair to assist Parties in their preparations for the session and to facilitate agreement on the necessary conclusions during the session. The Chair introduced the informal note to delegates.
- 12. At the same meeting, the AWG-LCA agreed to consider agenda item 3 in informal consultations facilitated by the Chair in an informal plenary setting.
- 13. At the same meeting, the AWG-LCA agreed to consider the question of the number and duration of meetings in 2010 in informal consultations facilitated by Mr. Robert Owen-Jones (Australia), Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI).
- 14. A statement was made by Mr. Richard Kinley, Deputy Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat, to inform delegates about the outcomes of the meeting of the Bureau of the COP held on 8 April 2010 and to provide them with information relating to possible additional sessions of the Ad Hoc Working Groups presented by the secretariat to the Bureau of the COP and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.
- 15. The Chair recalled paragraph 3 of decision 1/CP.15 and invited Mexico, as the host country for the sixteenth session of the COP, to inform delegates of initiatives already taken and plans for further arrangements in order to facilitate the work towards the success of that session. Mr. Fernando Tudela Abad (Mexico) provided Parties with an update on the initiatives undertaken and on the ongoing arrangements for further initiatives.
- 16. Also at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, statements were made by representatives of 44 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the European Union and its member States,<sup>2</sup> 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 Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), one on behalf of eight Parties from the Central American Integration System, one on behalf of the League of Arab States and one on behalf of seven Parties. Statements were also made on behalf of the business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), women and gender NGOs, youth NGOs, and by a representative of the environmental NGOs.

<sup>1 &</sup>lt;a href="http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/ad\_hoc\_working\_groups/lca/application/pdf/awglca\_chair\_informal\_note.pdf">http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/ad\_hoc\_working\_groups/lca/application/pdf/awglca\_chair\_informal\_note.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This statement was supported by Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

- 17. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the AWG-LCA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>3</sup> proposed by the Chair. The conclusions were adopted on the understanding, as stated by the Chair, that the reference in paragraph 22 below to the work undertaken by the COP on the basis of the report of the AWG-LCA presented to the COP at its fifteenth session would include all the work undertaken by the COP in Copenhagen.
- 18. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of 37 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the European Union and its member States, one on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the African Group and one on behalf of AOSIS.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 19. The AWG-LCA recalled its mandate in decision 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan) to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action.
- 20. The AWG-LCA further recalled decision 1/CP.15 that extended the mandate of the AWG-LCA with a view to presenting the outcome of its work to the COP for adoption at its sixteenth session.
- 21. The AWG-LCA took note of the views expressed by Parties in their submissions and in statements made during the plenary meetings of this session.
- 22. The AWG-LCA invited its Chair to prepare, under her own responsibility, a text to facilitate negotiations among Parties, drawing on the report of the AWG-LCA presented to the COP at its fifteenth session,<sup>4</sup> as well as work undertaken by the COP on the basis of that report, and to make this text available two weeks in advance of the tenth session of the AWG-LCA.
- 23. The AWG-LCA invited Parties to make submissions containing additional views, by 26 April at the latest, which the Chair may draw upon in the preparation of her draft text for consideration by Parties at its tenth session.
- 24. The AWG-LCA invited its Chair to propose, through her scenario notes, an indicative roadmap, and invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 4 May 2010, their views on this matter.
- 25. The AWG-LCA agreed that its tenth session would be held in conjunction with the thirty-second sessions of the SBI and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), as well as to hold its thirteenth session in conjunction with the sixteenth session of the COP for as long as necessary. The AWG-LCA further agreed that its sessions would be held in conjunction with those of the AWG-KP.
- 26. The AWG-LCA agreed that in order to conclude its work it would need to hold two sessions between its tenth session and the sixteenth session of the COP, of a duration of at least one week each, while ensuring sufficient negotiating time as well as allowing sufficient time between sessions to enable Parties to consult and prepare in order to enable the AWG-LCA to continue its work with a view to presenting the outcome of its work to the COP for adoption at its sixteenth session. The AWG-LCA requested the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements.
- 27. The AWG-LCA took note of a proposal for the SBI to consider the option that a high-level session be held between the thirty-second sessions of the SBI and the SBSTA and the sixteenth session of the COP to provide guidance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.2 adopted as amended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/17, annex I.

- 28. The AWG-LCA invited Parties in a position to do so to offer, as soon as possible, to host such sessions.
- 29. The AWG-LCA expressed appreciation for the contributions received from Parties for the work of the AWG-LCA and strongly urged Parties in a position to do so to provide contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations, aimed at funding two delegates from each eligible Party and a third delegate from the least developed countries and small island developing States.
- 30. The AWG-LCA acknowledged that financial contributions or firm pledges should preferably be made by 26 April 2010 for its eleventh session and by 9 June 2010 for its twelfth and subsequent sessions, to allow the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements.

# IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

- 31. The AWG-LCA considered this item at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- 32. Interventions were made by representatives of two Parties. These interventions were addressed during the course of the meeting.

# V. Report on the session

(Agenda item 5)

33. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the AWG-LCA considered and adopted the draft report on its ninth session.<sup>5</sup> At the same meeting, the AWG-LCA authorized the Chair to complete the report on the session, with the assistance of the secretariat.

### VI. Closure of the session

- 34. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, a statement was made by Mr. Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat, and delegates observed a minute of silence in memory of the President of Poland and others who perished in a tragic accident on 10 April.
- 35. At the same meeting, the Chair expressed her appreciation to Parties for their support and confidence. The Chair thanked the secretariat for its work. Statements were made by representatives of six Parties, including two speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of AOSIS, one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the European Union and its member States and one on behalf of the LDCs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.1.

#### Annex

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

#### **Documents prepared for the session**

ECCC/AWCI CA/2000/17	Depart of the Ad Hea Westing Cross on Long town Commenting
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/2010/1 Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive

Secretary

FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/2 Scenario note on the ninth session. Note by the Chair

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

Views on the need for additional meeting time for the Ad Hoc

Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

FCCC/KP/AWG/2010/MISC.1-

FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.1 Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under

the Kyoto Protocol and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention, and on organization of work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative

Action under the Convention. Submissions from Parties

FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.1 Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term

Cooperative Action under the Convention on its ninth session

FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.2 Organization and methods of work. Draft conclusions proposed by

the Chair

#### Other documents before the session

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/AWGLCA/2009/4

(Parts I and II)

Fulfilment of the Bali Action Plan and components of the agreed

outcome. Note by the Chair

FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/8 Negotiating text. Note by the Chair

FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/INF.1

and Add.1

Revised negotiating text. Note by the secretariat

FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/INF.2

and Add.1 and 2

Reordering and consolidation of text in the revised negotiating text.

Note by the secretariat

FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/16/Rev.1 Ideas and proposals on paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan.

Revised note by the Chair

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