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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) was held at the Tianjin Meijiang Convention and Exhibition Centre, Tianjin, China, from 4 to 9 October 2010.

A. Host government welcoming ceremony

2. The opening of the session was preceded by a welcoming ceremony, organized by the Government of China, marking the opening of the twelfth session of the AWG-LCA and the fourteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP).

3. Statements were made by Mr. Dai Bingguo, State Councillor of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Huang Xingguo, Mayor of Tianjin Municipal Government, and Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC.

B. Opening of the session

4. 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.

5. The Chair also expressed appreciation to the Government of China for the excellent arrangements made for the session.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

6. At its 1st meeting, on 4 October, the AWG-LCA considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/12).

7. 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))

8. The AWG-LCA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting. It had before it document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/13. The Chair proposed that the AWG-LCA begin by taking up agenda item 3, followed by items 4 and 5.

9. The Chair further proposed that a closing plenary meeting be held on 9 October. 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)

10. The AWG-LCA considered this item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 and 9 October, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/13, FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/14, FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.6 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.7.

11. At the 1st meeting, the Chair invited Parties to present the outcomes of initiatives taken by Parties between the eleventh and twelfth 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. Luis Alfonso de Alba Góngora (Mexico) informed delegates of activities undertaken 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.

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

13. The Chair drew the attention of delegates to annex I in her scenario note, which contains an analysis of issues in the negotiating text resulting from the work of the AWG-LCA at its eleventh session and suggestions to advance negotiations.

14. The Chair informed delegates of her intention to start seeking views from negotiating groups on the elements of the outcome of the work of the AWG-LCA to be presented for adoption to the COP at its sixteenth session.

15. The AWG-LCA agreed that informal consultations would be convened by the Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA on issues that had been raised by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) undergoing the process of transition to a market economy and Annex I Parties whose special circumstances are recognized by the COP.

16. The Chair of the AWG-LCA announced that informal consultations would be convened on a proposal by Parties to address issues of common concern to the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA and that, as at the eleventh session of the AWG-LCA, they would be facilitated by Mr. Shin Yeon-Sung (Republic of Korea).

17. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by representatives of 12 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, 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 Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), one on behalf of eight Parties from the Central American Integration System, one on behalf of five Parties from the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America, one on behalf of the League of Arab States, one on behalf of seven Parties and one on behalf of 10 Parties from the Commission des forêts d'Afrique centrale. Statements were also made on behalf of the business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the environmental NGOs, the farmers NGOs, the indigenous peoples organizations, local government and municipal authorities, the trade union NGOs, the youth NGOs and the women and gender NGOs.

18. At the 2nd meeting of the AWG-LCA, on 9 October, the Chair presented to delegates a report¹ on the results of her consultations with negotiating groups on possible elements of the outcome of the work of the AWG-LCA to be presented to the sixteenth session of the COP for adoption as referred to in paragraph 14 above. In her report, the Chair noted that during her consultations there had emerged a shared desire for a balanced outcome in Cancun across all elements of the Bali Action Plan that will not prejudice prospects for a legally-binding outcome and that respects the two-track approach. The report of the Chair also included a list comprising possible elements of such a package, which would need to be advanced to a comparable level of detail.

19. The Chair invited Mr. Luis Alfonso De Alba Góngora to report on the results of consultations undertaken by Mexico, in its capacity as Presidency of COP 16, on the linkage between paragraph 1 (b)(i) of the Bali Action Plan and commitments under the Kyoto Protocol and on how to ensure that adopting an outcome in Cancun in the form of decisions would not prejudice the objective of a legally-binding outcome in the future. He informed delegates that, due to the limited time available, not all Parties had been consulted and that the consultations were to continue at the thirteenth session of the AWG-LCA.

20. The Chair informed delegates that the negotiating text resulting from the work of the AWG-LCA at its eleventh session, contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/14, would be before the AWG-LCA at its thirteenth session. The Chair further informed delegates that the draft texts and notes by the facilitators issued during the twelfth session of the AWG-LCA would be compiled, as amended during the course of the meeting, into an INF document for consideration by the AWG-LCA at its thirteenth session.

21. At the same meeting, the Chair drew the attention of delegates to documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.6/Add.1 and 2, which contain submissions received from Parties during the twelfth session of the AWG-LCA.

22. At the same meeting, the Chair thanked the delegates who had supported the work of the contact group referred to in paragraph 12 above by facilitating work on the negotiating text in informal drafting groups.

23. The Chair further reported on the results of the informal consultation facilitated by the Vice-Chair referred to in paragraph 15 above.

24. The Chair further reported on the results of the informal consultations on a proposal by Parties to address issues of common concern to the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA, referred to in paragraph 16 above.

¹ <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/awglca/possible_elements_of_the_cancun_outcome.pdf>.

25. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of 30 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of AOSIS, three on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the LDCs, one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the European Union and its member States, one on behalf of the League of Arab States, one on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of EIG, one on behalf of eight Parties, seven of which were from the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America, and one on behalf of 10 Parties.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

26. No other matters were raised or considered.

V. Report on the session

(Agenda item 5)

27. At its 2nd meeting, the AWG-LCA considered and adopted the draft report on its twelfth 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.

VI. Closure of the session

28. At the 2nd meeting of the AWG-LCA, the Chair expressed her appreciation to Parties for their support and confidence and declared the twelfth session of the AWG-LCA closed.

² FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.5.

Annex

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

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/12	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/13	Scenario note on the twelfth session. Note by the Chair
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/14	Negotiating text. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.6 and Add.1 and 2	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. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/MISC.7	Ideas and proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. Submissions from intergovernmental organizations
FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.5	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its twelfth session

Other documents before the session

FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/11	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its eleventh session, held in Bonn from 2 to 6 August 2010
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/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
