

III. Planning of future work

(Agenda item 3)

18. The AWG took note of views expressed by Parties in their submissions concerning Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/AWG/2006/MISC.1 and Add.1), and of statements made during the session.

19. The AWG reaffirmed that, in pursuance of its mandate under decision 1/CMP.1, in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Protocol, its discussions would focus on the consideration of further commitments by Annex I Parties, to be established in amendments to Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol. It recalled, in this connection, the provision in decision 1/CMP.1 that the AWG should aim to complete its work and have its results adopted as early as possible and in time to ensure that there is no gap between the first and second commitment periods under the Protocol.

20. The AWG also reaffirmed that it would proceed expeditiously towards agreement on further commitments by Annex I Parties and the duration thereof, noted with appreciation the willingness of these Parties to work towards this end, and invited these Parties to present information and views to it at the earliest opportunity on the results of their work on the determination of their commitments, including on new quantitative emission limitation or reduction commitments.

21. In this context the AWG observed that Annex I Parties would need to assemble and analyse information on a diversity of scientific, technical and socio-economic topics in order to enhance common understanding of the level of ambition of their further commitments in contributing to the ultimate objective of the Convention and of the potential for achieving these commitments. It recognized the wish of these Parties to exchange views on this information and analysis with all Parties in the multilateral setting of the AWG. It noted that some of the relevant information and analysis was available, or could be sought, from other bodies and processes under the Convention and the Protocol, as well as from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and that it could also decide to invite inputs from intergovernmental organizations, such as the International Energy Agency (IEA). It considered that the principal sources of inputs to the group's work would be the Parties themselves.

22. The AWG considered that it would be important to be informed of and keep in mind, throughout its work, relevant results achieved and work under way in other bodies and processes under the Convention and the Protocol.

23. The AWG noted that the continuing review of the implementation of commitments of Annex I Parties in the first commitment period is relevant to the consideration of their further commitments.

24. The AWG decided to hold its second session during the next sessional period (November 2006). The AWG considered that its work during its second session could be enhanced by an in-session workshop providing for the presentation and exchange of relevant information. In this context, the AWG noted with interest the preliminary information provided by several Annex I Parties about their work on the scientific basis for determining their further commitments, including on scenarios for the stabilization of atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases and on the implications of these

scenarios. It invited Annex I Parties to provide, as soon as possible, further scientific, technical and socio-economic information on these subjects. It also invited the early presentation of such information on emission trends for Annex I Parties, the mitigation potential of policies and technologies in different national circumstances, including experience gained so far, and the costs and benefits of emission reductions. It considered that these broad topics could provide a substantive basis for the workshop, as a step towards consideration by the AWG of the determination of amendments to Annex B to the Protocol.

25. The AWG requested the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair and taking account of the views expressed by Parties, to organize this workshop and to include in its programme a presentation by the IPCC on its work relevant to the AWG, and presentations by Parties on the topics outlined in paragraph 24 above and on how to determine further emission limitation or reduction commitments. In order to facilitate adequate preparation for this workshop, the AWG invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 1 September 2006, information on topics that they would wish to present at the workshop. It requested the secretariat to make this information available for its second session.

26. The AWG decided that it would meet during the two sessional periods to be held in 2007. It agreed to further elaborate its work plan and schedule at its second session.

27. On his own initiative and under his responsibility, the Chair made available an indicative, non-exhaustive list of topics that may be relevant to the further work of the AWG, drawing on the views expressed by Parties. This list is annexed hereto (annex I).